

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)

DATE: July 31, 1956

FROM : Director, FBI (100-403320)

SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
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Re closing report of Special Agent [redacted]
 [redacted] 12-31-53, at Los Angeles "The Mattachine Society; One, Incorporated; Internal Security - C," which denotes that The Mattachine Society (TMS) and One, Incorporated, professed no connection with each other although their aims and purposes are similar.

Re Los Angeles letter 3-9-56 "One, The Homosexual Magazine Published by One, Incorporated, 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, California, Research (Crime Records)," which advises there appears to be no present organizational connection between One, Incorporated, and TMS, that a new case file has been opened by Los Angeles on One, Incorporated, and that TMS now has its own publication which bears the title "the Mattachine Review."

For your information, the New York Office by letter dated 4-11-56 "Mattachine Review; One, Information Concerning," forwarded to the Bureau two copies of "Mattachine Review," special issues for March and April, 1956, which copies together with a copy of "One" were received anonymously through the mails by the New York Office.

In July, 1956, the Bureau received from the office of a Congressman a pamphlet which had been sent through the mails to the Congressman's office. This pamphlet purports to be issued by the "Mattachine Society, Incorporated (a California corporation)" with Area Councils located as follows: 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California; 357 Belmont Avenue, Los Angeles 26, California; Post Office Box 3514, Merchandise Mart Post Office, Chicago 54, Illinois; New York - Boston Chapters, Murray Hill Station, Post Office Box 194, New York 16, New York; and Post Office Box 1232, Long Beach 2, California.

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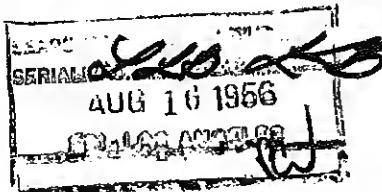
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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles:

The pamphlet describes TMS as a nonprofit corporation, national in scope, educational and benevolent in character. It describes the efforts and aims of TMS in the homosexual field and solicits the purchase of the publication "Mattachine Society Today" and the "Mattachine Review."

For the information of the Bureau, you are requested to search your office files and furnish any current information concerning TMS or its publications. No active investigation need be conducted for this purpose.

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July 16, 1956
Long Beach, California

Subject: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC

1. The following newsletter from the subject corporation was received in the office of the Chief of Police, Long Beach, on 14 July 1956.

"IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW"

"In the United States alone.... There are between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 homosexuals, based on the findings of Kinsey and other leading research experts. They are found among all races, nationalities and religious denominations -- in every profession and in every occupation. They are found in every city and town, regardless of size.

Undoubtedly you know some of them.... They may be on the job with you, living in the apartment or house next to you; among your friends or acquaintances. Among those you love most deeply, there is likely to be at least one homosexual person -- it might be your own son or daughter, your brother or sister.

Thus you see.... Most homosexuals are not insane, stupid, wilfully perverted, "unnatural" or socially incompetent as is often believed. The fact is that most homosexuals can and do lead useful and productive lives. MANY OF THEM ARE AMONG OUR MOST RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS. Homosexuals are neither uncommon nor "queer".

But Homosexuals, as such..... Have only limited social and civil rights. In fact, our whole society is organized to keep them, in many respects, more completely oppressed than are various racial and religious minorities. THIS IS WHY a group of responsible, socially conscious citizens has formed... MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC (A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)... To encourage medical and social research pertaining to socio-sexual behavior and to publish the results of such research. To sponsor educational programs and to aid social and emotional variants and to promote among the general public an understanding of the problems of such persons. To help develop social and moral responsibility in those persons whose behavior may vary from accepted present-day standards.

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY looks toward the day when the homosexual will... 1. Live a well-oriented, socially productive life with pride and without fear; 2. Follow a high standard of ethics and conventions in conformity with the best interests of society; 3. Be accepted as a useful citizen by an enlightened public, and 4. Make a recognized addition to the productiveness and social consciousness of our cities, states, and the nation.

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC. is a non-profit corporation, national in scope, educational and benevolent in character. Its members are all over 21 years of age. You can learn the Story of the Mattachine Society, its aims and principles, organization structure and history. For this information and how you can help in this program, send 25¢ for your copy of MATTACHINE SOCIETY TODAY. Address your request for this 16-page general information booklet to the Board of Directors or the nearest area council listed below:

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
Office of the Board of Directors
P.O. Box 1925, Main Post Office
Los Angeles 53, Calif.

AREA COUNCILS:

San Francisco Area Council
693 Mission Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Los Angeles Area Council
357 Belmont Ave.
Los Angeles 26, Calif.

Chicago Area Council
Post Office Box 3514
Merchandise Mart Post Office
Chicago 54, Ill.

New York-Boston Chapters
Murray Hill Station
Post Office Box 194
New York 16, New York

Long Beach Area Council
Post Office Box 1232
Long Beach 2, Calif.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS... The Society publishes a magazine, "MATTACHINE REVIEW," to keep you informed of significant trends in public opinion, fact and comment, and the thinking of prominent professional persons who are concerned with the problem of homosexuality. Subscription rate is \$2.50 per year in the U.S., Canada and Mexico; \$3.50 elsewhere. Send orders to MATTACHINE REVIEW, 693 Mission St., Rm 312, San Francisco 5, Calif. The REVIEW is bi-monthly on many U.S. news stands, single copies 50¢. However, it now publishes an additional six alternate-month editions which are mailed to subscribers... making it a monthly magazine for them. The extra issues are special editions and contain news items of the society nationally.

Area NEWSLETTERS. ... Area Councils publish monthly newsletters which tell of meetings, discussion groups and other activities of units of the Society in their areas, plus general news about the Society itself. Address all inquiries about newsletters to the areas in which you are interested...."

The files of this department contain further information re this society.

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles (100-45888)

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-37394)

SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC.
Aka. Mattachine Society
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

DATE: August 22, 1956

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SA [redacted] on August 15, 1956, furnished
with originals of the two
below-mentioned items. Two photostate of the items
are being furnished to you for completion of your file
on captioned organization.

1. Leaflet, "In case you didn't KNOW".
2. 16-page booklet captioned, "Mattachine Society
TODAY".

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1 - San Francisco
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403320) DATE: AUG 23 1956

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)

SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
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Rebulet 7/31/56.

Rebulet requested Los Angeles to furnish any current information concerning captioned organization or its publications, but that no active investigation be conducted.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to other offices for their information because chapters of the Society exist within their territories.

Set forth herein is a brief survey of the activities of the Society since the closing report of SA [redacted] dated 12/31/53 at Los Angeles. For the information of offices which have not received prior reports, some background on the Society is set forth. The sources of the information contained herein are, in most instances, publications of the Society or confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past. No report is being submitted because no security problem appears to exist.

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BACKGROUND

The Mattachine movement had its inception in 1950 when a small group inaugurated the first discussion group. This early activity resulted in the organization of a secret society under the name of the Mattachine Foundation which filed incorporation papers in the State of California on 4/27/53, and was thereafter known as the Mattachine Foundation, Inc. The announced purposes of this first organization were: "The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to sponsor, supervise and conduct scientific research in the field of homosexuality; to publish and disseminate the results of such research; and to aid in the social integration and rehabilitation of the sexual variant."

The Mattachine Foundation, Inc. expanded its operations and established chapters in the Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. areas and either organized or became closely identified with a publication known as "One, the Homosexual Magazine" published by One, Inc., 307 South Hill St., Los Angeles. One, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of California as of 6/1/53. This close identification of the magazine, "One" with the Foundation continued for approximately a year, at which time there appeared a notice in "One" that the magazine had no connection with the Mattachine Society, as it was then called.

On 5/23 and 24/53, a convention was held at which the Mattachine Society was organized and the Mattachine Foundation, Inc. released its name to the new Society.

The Mattachine Society published a constitution dated 5/24/53, which is referred to hereafter but which states in the Preamble, "We, the members of the Mattachine Society, in full awareness of our social obligations as members of the human community, hold it necessary that a highly ethical homosexual culture be integrated into society; and, whereas the present laws of many lands are discriminatory and limit the best expressions of the culture; and, whereas we are resolved that these people shall find equality; and, whereas we desire to spread knowledge of the aims and aspirations of this Society through mutual education of its membership and of society, we therefore, hereby resolve..." (There follow the organizational details concerning the Society.)

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Articles of Incorporation were filed by the Mattachine Society, Inc. with the State of California 3/23/54, and a new constitution was adopted. The description of the specific and primary purposes of the Mattachine Society, Inc. contained in the Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

"That the specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to further and gain acceptance of the belief of sexual equality for all people using methods, primarily, as follows:

"1. To sponsor, supervise and conduct medical, social, social hygiene, pathological and therapeutic research of every kind and description and to publish and disseminate the results of such research as widely as possible.

"2. To sponsor, supervise and conduct educational enterprises for the aid and benefit of all persons socially, mentally or morally ill and to promote among the general public an interest, knowledge and understanding of the problems of such persons.

"3. To sponsor, supervise and conduct educational enterprises to promote among the general public an interest, knowledge, and understanding of sexual equality.

"4. To aid in the adjustment to society of such persons as may vary from the normal moral and social standards of society and to aid in the development of a highly ethical, social, and moral responsibility in all such persons.

"5. To protect, insofar as possible, these people from undue discriminations.

"6. To establish branches of this corporation.

"7. To publicize by printed information, radio, television, pamphlets, speakers bureaus, stage presentation and all other means of communication, the purposes and activities of this corporation.

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"That the general purposes for which this corporation is formed, in addition to those enumerated above, are as follows:

"1. To sue and be sued.

"2. To borrow money, contract debts, issue bonds, notes and debentures, and to secure same.

"3. To lease, purchase, hold, have, inherit, use and take possession of and enjoy any personal or real property necessary for the uses and purposes of the corporation, and to sell, lease, deed in trust, alien or dispose of the same at the pleasure of the corporation, and for the uses and purposes for which said corporation is formed and to buy and sell real or personal property and to apply the proceeds of sale, including any and all income, to the uses and purposes of the corporation.

"4. To do any and all other acts, things, business or businesses in any manner connected with or necessary, incidental, convenient or auxiliary to any of the objects hereinbefore enumerated or calculated, directly or indirectly, to promote the interest of the corporation...."

According to the Office of the California State Franchise Tax Board, the Mattachine Society, Inc. qualifies as a "civic league" and is not subject to franchise taxes. The general activities of the Mattachine Society, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Society, are carried on through organized chapters which are part of an Area Council. The Area Council has representatives who meet with a Coordinating Council. The final policy and executive authority, however, rest in the general convention which is held annually. In general, the activities of the Society have been to hold discussion groups organized by various chapters to which non-members are invited, to hold social affairs, to engage in certain research projects and, in some instances, to defend sexual deviates who have fallen afoul of the law.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
MATTACHINE SOCIETY

In addition to the Preamble of the constitution of the Mattachine Society dated 5/24/53, Article 1 provides that "members shall be admitted regardless of race, color or creed" and that "no provision shall be made to destroy the anonymity of any member without his permission." Article 2 describes the general convention as the supreme governing body of the organization and describes its composition and how delegates shall be elected to it. Article 3 describes the Coordinating Council and how it shall be composed and its authority. Article 4 defines the Area Council and describes how it shall be composed and how it shall operate. Among other things, it provides that the Area Council may temporarily suspend chapter charters subject to ratification by the general convention. Article 5 defines the chapter and describes how it shall be organized.

This constitution was accompanied by a resolution which states, "Whereas this organization is neither political nor sectarian and whereas we believe that our group can only achieve the social integration which it seeks within the framework of a free society; and whereas we find it especially significant that the most brutal and restricted laws against homosexuality occur in those countries, like Russia, where freedom of the individual is most severely limited, and whereas those who attack the basic freedom of the individual in this country, both of the extreme right and the extreme left, have been the most bitter enemies of the homosexual, we, therefore, resolve to pledge ourselves to fight racial, religious and sexual discrimination within and outside the organization."

BYLAWS

The bylaws of the Mattachine Society provide for honorary memberships, fellowships, associate memberships, active memberships and sustaining memberships. Dues for a fellow member are established at \$50 per year; for an associate member at \$36 per year and for an active member at \$2 per year.

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The bylaws define the duties and authority of the officers of the chapters who are the chairman, the secretary and the treasurer, and provide a method for filling vacancies in the chapter offices. The bylaws provide that the chapter or Area Council shall not issue any public statement involving a policy of the Society or purporting to have the approval of the Society without first securing the written consent of the Coordinating Council, except in the case of a direct quotation from an officially adopted and public statement of policy or other official document of the Society. It is provided that no policy shall be considered official until adopted by the general convention. The bylaws also define the duties of the Area Council and the duties and authority of the Coordinating Council and provide for the manner of electing officers to the Coordinating Council.

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MATTACHINE SOCIETY,
INC.

The powers and purposes of the Mattachine Society, Inc., as reflected in the Articles of Incorporation, are set forth under Background (Supra). No other constitution is available.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS AND AREA COUNCILS

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On March 22, 1955, [redacted] furnished the following information concerning then existing Area Councils and chapters:

Office of the Board of Directors
P. O. Box 1925
Los Angeles 53, Calif.

Los Angeles Area Council
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Los Angeles 53, Calif.

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San Francisco Area Council
P. O. Box 259
San Francisco 1, Calif.

Long Beach Area Council (Calif.)
P. O. Box 1232
Long Beach, Calif.

San Diego Area Council
P. O. Box 757
La Jolla, Calif.

Oakland-Berkeley Chapters (San Francisco Area Council)
P. O. Box 851
Oakland 4, Calif.

Chicago Area Council
P. O. Box 3513
Merchandise Mart Post Office
Chicago 54, Ill.

It is noted that rebulet summarizes information from a publication purportedly issued by the Mattachine Society, Inc. which was received by the Bureau in July, 1956 from a Congressman to the effect that there is also a post office address for the New York-Boston Chapters at Murray Hill Station Post Office, Box 194, New York 16, N.Y.

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_____ reported the following chapters in California:

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Area Council</u>
101	Suspended	Santa Monica, Calif.	Los Angeles
102	Public Relations	Los Angeles	Long Beach
103	Legal	"	Los Angeles
104	Research	"	"

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<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Area Council</u>
105	Alpha	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
106	Discussion Group	"	"
107	Alpha	San Diego	San Diego
108	Berkeley	Berkeley	San Francisco
109	Alpha-General	San Francisco	"
110	Oakland	Oakland	"
111	Beta-Publications	San Francisco	"
112	Civic Affairs	Emeryville	"
113	Public Relations	Long Beach	Long Beach
114	Suspended	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
115	Gamma-Social	San Francisco	San Francisco
116	Educational	Chicago	Chicago
117	Key	San Diego	San Diego
118	Public Relations	Chicago	Chicago
119	Atwas	Detroit	"
120	Research	Chicago	"

This source reported the following chapters of the Mattachine Society active as of 1/20/55:

Chicago	Chapter 160	52 members
	Chapter 161	32 members
	Chapter 163	39 members
	Chapter 164	62 members
New York	Chapter 170	21 members
	Chapter 171	38 members
	Chapter 172	26 members
	Chapter 173	9 members
	Chapter 174	61 members
	Chapter 175	23 members
	Chapter 176	39 members
	Chapter 177	24 members
	Chapter 178	25 members
Norfolk, Va.	Chapter 193	22 members
	Chapter 195	31 members

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Tampa,
Fla. 2 Chapters

Key West,
Fla. 4 Chapters

Jackson-
ville, Fla. 3 Chapters

New Orleans,
La. 9 small chapters, the largest having 12 members

PUBLICATIONS

With an issue dated January-February, 1955, the Mattachine Society began publication of a magazine called "Mattachine Review," price 50¢. The publication offices are located at Box 259, San Francisco 1, Calif. The first issue contains the following articles:

Vag Lewd, A Criticism of the California Statute
by HENRY SILVER

Facing Friends in a Small Town
by JAMES BARR

An Open Letter to Senator Dirksen

Plus poems, small articles, letters to the editor, book reviews and notes concerning the Mattachine Society and its activities.

In a directory on page 30 are set forth details concerning the "Mattachine Review," how manuscripts and advertisements will be handled and the addresses of the existing Area Councils. Also set forth under "Other Publications - U.S." is "One Magazine," published by One, Inc., 232 South Hill St., Los Angeles 12, Calif. Under "Foreign Organizations and Publications" are set forth various foreign organizations and publications in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and India which organize or publish in the interests of sexual deviates.

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The November-December, 1955 issue of the "Mattachine Review" contains the following articles:

On the Cure of Homosexuality
by ALBERT ELLIS, Ph.D.
Sex, Religion and Myth
by DONAL NORTON
Regulating the Sex Urge
by LUTHER ALLEN
The Conditioning Factor
by CARL B. HARDING
Hadrian and Antinous - A Historical Sketch
by MACK FINGAL
A Forgotten Commonplace
by LYN PEDERSEN

In addition there are short features, book reviews, letters to the editor, official news of the Mattachine Society, news from the various chapters, etc.

It is noted that a resolution appears on the front cover page of this issue which reads as follows:

"RESOLUTION

"IN SUPPORT OF THE MODEL PENAL CODE

"WHEREAS the program of the Mattachine Society has always been to seek a realistic and judicial repeal of certain discriminatory statutes dealing with morals, and
WHEREAS the Society has earnestly advocated the retention of certain laws for the protection of individuals in the community as follows:

- "a. Those prohibiting sex activities and indecent behavior in public;
- "b. Those prohibiting sex relations between adults and minors;
- "c. Those prohibiting sex activities which involve use of force or violence, and

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"d. Those prohibiting sex relationships which transmit disease, and

"WHEREAS the Society believes that, except for these, the basis for sex morals must, in a free and democratic society, be the concern of the family, the church and medicine, now therefore be it resolved:

"That the Mattachine Society urges all persons to support the decisions made by the American Law Institute in its 1955 report, 'A Model Penal Code,' and does further urge that all individuals make their opinions known to their state legislators in an effort to have these recommendations adopted into law.

"Passed and adopted by the
Board of Directors
September 3, 1955"

The 7th issue of the "Mattachine Review" is dated Christmas, 1955 and contains the following articles:

Juliet's Still Shaving

by JAMES BARR FUGATE

T. C. Jones' "The Other Side of the Coin"

by WES KNIGHT

Agreeable Disagreement from Toastmasters' Magazine

Sex Offenders Tell of Helping Themselves

I Left No Orphan

by PAUL UGLEN

Love Ideals - Christian and Greek

by R. H. CROWTHER

In addition there are poems, short features, letters to the editor, etc.

It is noted that this issue, on its directory page, states that area newsletters are published by the Area Councils of Los Angeles-Long Beach, San Francisco and Chicago.

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A review of the available newsletters circulated by the Southern Area Council covering Los Angeles and vicinity reflects the following activity of the Mattachine Society and the Mattachine Society, Inc. and its chapters:

Newsletter 1/1/54 reflects that the California State Dept. of Health made an inquiry of the Society for assistance in curbing venereal disease among sexual variants. It also reflects that a research project was being conducted by Research Chapter #104 entitled, "Lesbian Research Program," wherein it was announced that this program was being conducted in cooperation with volunteer psychologists, and that the Society was assisting in every way possible. Also announced was a blood bank party which was organized by the Southern Area Council for the purpose of donating blood to the hemophilic fund. The balance of the letter contains notes concerning the activities of the various chapters in the Los Angeles area; a reprint from an article in "Time Magazine" of 12/28/53 captioned, "The Hidden Problem" which dealt with the murder of his parents by a homosexual; and a book review of the book, "The Heart in Exile." This letter also notes attention being given to the problem of homosexuals in London, England, and some discussions which have occurred in the English Parliament.

Newsletter 3/1/54 announces that the Mattachine Society was supporting a legal case involving a technical point of law and appeals for funds. It also contains an article on who must register under the state or city law requiring the registration of sexual deviates, plus general notes concerning the activities of chapters and the Area Councils.

Newsletter 4/1/54 notes that funds were needed to prepare transcripts on the "Slade Case" which was being tested in the courts and which the Mattachine Society, Inc. was supporting. It also notes that Dr. WARDELL POMEROY, assistant to Dr. ALFRED KINSEY, was in Los Angeles and had been in consultation with representatives of the Mattachine Society in connection with a survey being made by Dr. KINSEY to be published under the title, "The Sex Offender and the Law."

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Newsletter 7/1/54 notes that the Los Angeles Area Council (Southern Area Council) had rented offices at 357 Belmont Avenue, Los Angeles. It also notes that the Long Beach (California) Chapters had formed a Long Beach Area Council.

Newsletter 8/1/54 reprints a summary of a report given by Dr. EVELYN C. HOOKER of the Univ. of California at Los Angeles which had been given by Dr. HOOKER at the Long Beach, Calif. Convention of the Western Psychologists. Dr. HOOKER had worked with the Mattachine Society in certain phases of her research in the field of sexual deviates.

Newsletter 9/1/54 reports that Los Angeles Legal Chapter #103 was suspended from the Mattachine Society by the Los Angeles Area Council at a meeting held 8/20/54, because the chairman of Chapter #103 had engaged in investigations of several of its members. Such activities on the part of the chairman were charged to be in direct violation of the anonymity clause of the constitution of the Society and not in the best interests of the Society. It is reported that the chairman of Chapter #103 defended his action by stating that his investigations concerned the threat of Communism upon the Society, and that no attempt had been made to obtain information in regard to the personal lives of the persons involved. Information received from [redacted] reflects that Chapter #103 was the legal chapter of the Mattachine Society and included members from other areas, and that one [redacted] was alleged to have been doing investigations of members of the Mattachine Society. [redacted] had stated that he belonged to an organization which bound him to investigate Communism.

Newsletter November, 1954 contains an article on "Public Relations" which points out that every member of the Mattachine Society, Inc. is a part of the Public Relations Dept. and that included in the public relations effort of the members of the Society was the responsibility of "saying 'homosexual' instead of terms more frequently heard; it means frowning instead of laughing at jokes on the sex variant. And for both, variant and non-variant alike, it means absorbing every bit of available factual information on the subject and taking advantage of every opportunity to pass it.

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"along to anyone receptive. This is the job of everyone in the Public Relations Department, this is everyone's job."

Newsletter January, 1955 contains a book review on a book entitled, "Sex In History" by G. ATTRAY TAYLOR (London, Thames on Hudson, 1953). Also included is a message to the area which refers to the appearance of the first issue of the "Mattachine Review" in which it is noted "We are reminded by an article in 'Time Magazine' of January 10th of an incident in the not too distant past when the Mattachine Society was accused of being Communistic. More than 300 homosexuals, according to the article, were picked up in one night in an effort to check the rapid growth of sexual deviation in Argentina. The rise in the number of 'shameful attacks on women' was listed as one of the reasons for the drive and the solution arrived at--licensing of bordellos which had been closed since the ban of 1936.

"Those of us who know something of the situation of the homosexual in America realize that conditions leave much to be desired in handling the problem here, but contrast our situation with that of a country ruled by a dictator. Are we Communist bait? Knowing what happened to sex deviates in countries where the state was, and is, all, are we that blind? We recommend the article to interested persons."

Newsletter April, 1955 announces that the Mattachine Society would hold its annual convention in Los Angeles on 5/14 and 15/55. It also notes that an amendment to Section 13 of Article 1 of the California Constitution had been proposed in the California Assembly which would change the first part of this article to add the underlined portion.

"Section 13: In criminal prosecutions, in any court whatever, the party accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial, except that if such party is accused of a sex crime, the court may exclude from the courtroom all persons other than officers and attaches of the court, the accused, and the jury..."

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It was stated that the foregoing was reported without comment in the newsletter.

Newsletter August, 1955 reported that HERBERT E. SELWYN, an attorney, was the principal speaker at the first monthly dinner meeting of the Los Angeles Area Council held 8/3/55 and had talked on the American Law Institute's model penal code and the significance of the recently adopted code which recommends abolishment of most sex laws dealing with sodomy. It also notes that CALVIN COTTAM, consulting psychiatrist for the Foundation for the Living, was a speaker at the July discussion group meeting of the Los Angeles Area Council.

Newsletter September, 1955 notes that the Board of Directors at its meeting in San Francisco on 9/3-5/55 had voted to aid in the revision of outdated sex laws as recommended by the American Law Institute. It also notes that Dr. ALFRED KINSEY would be in Los Angeles in the near future for the purpose of arranging interviews for his forthcoming book, "Sex and the Law" to be published in five volumes. It also notes that Mrs. RHODA KELLOGG had addressed a Board of Directors meeting in San Francisco on 9/4/55, and described her as operator of a nursery and a child guidance specialist. It is also noted that Dr. EVELYN HOOKER of Los Angeles; SAMUEL MORFORT, Personnel Laboratory, New York City, and FAITH ROSSITER and Dr. VERA PLUNKETT of San Francisco had attended sessions of the Board of Directors meeting in San Francisco.

Newsletter November, 1955 notes that SAM MORFORT, a New York psychologist, had set the date of 11/17/55 as the date for organizing a chapter in New York City. It also notes that more than 200 persons from the New York area had contacted the Society in the past and inquired concerning its activities. It notes that Dr. ALICE HOFFMAN, a noted authority on hormones, had been a guest at the dinner meeting held on 11/2/55.

Newsletter January, 1956 notes that 1/29/56 was the date for the Mid-Winter Institute organized by One, Inc.

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Newsletter February, 1956 notes that Mrs. FRANCIS W. POYNTER, registered social worker and director of the Casework Division of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, would speak at the Los Angeles Area Council dinner on 3/6/56. It also notes that Dr. EVELYN HOOKER, psychology professor at UCLA, would speak at the Los Angeles Area Council discussion group meeting to be held 2/15/56, and that Miss KATHERINE KIMBRELL, Director of the School of Charm and Self Adjustment, would be the featured speaker at the Los Angeles Area Council dinner meeting 2/7/56.

CONVENTIONS

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advised SA [redacted] on 5/18/55 that he had attended one session of the annual convention of the Mattachine Society, Inc. on 5/14/55. He stated that this convention was held on 5/13, 14 and 15/55 at the offices of the Society on Belmont Avenue in Los Angeles. He stated that there were 37 persons in attendance at the meeting and banquet, and that the membership of the Society had dropped from 300 to less than 100 inasmuch as they were getting rid of all the dead weight who did not pay dues. He stated that he had been a member of the Society for about one year, and he had never encountered anything which he would consider of a subversive nature. He stated the objective of the Society was to make the lot of the homosexual better. He said he never met anyone in the organization whom he would consider subversive or who had any Communist leanings.

The Mattachine Society, Inc. announced its third annual convention to be held on the theme of "Survey of the Homophilic Problem, 1956" at the Hotel Bellevue, Gary and Taylor Sts., San Francisco, Calif. 5/11-13/56. The program reflects the following activities of interest:

Saturday, May 12:

Address on the Homophilic Press by DON SLATER of One, Inc., Los Angeles

Report on the Mattachine in Eastern States

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Comment on the Law by KEN ZEWERIN, attorney at law,
San Francisco

Introduction to a Survey of the Homophilic
Problem, 1956, by BASIL
VAERLEN, Research Director,
San Francisco

Conditioning of Pre-School Children by Mrs. RHODA
KELLOGG, Golden Gate Nursery
School, San Francisco

When Does the Homophilic Need A Psychiatric Treatment
Dr. DANIEL LIEBERMAN, Supt.
and Medical Director,
Mendocino State Hospital,
Mendocino, Calif.

The Homophilic in State Prisons
ROBERT FLICKEN, Counselor,
San Quentin Prison, San
Quentin, Calif.

The Homosexual and the Law by HERBERT E. SELWYN,
attorney at law, Los Angeles
Rehabilitation of the Sexual Offender in California
Dr. R. S. ROOD, Supt. and
Medical Director, Atascadero
State Hospital, Atascadero,
Calif.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45888)

DATE: 11/8/56

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37394)

SUBJECT: THE MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, INC., aka
The Mattachine Society
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Remylet dated 8/22/56.

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1. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated August 1953.
2. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated August 27, 1953.
3. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated September 15, 1953.
4. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated October 15, 1953, (identified as such on second page).
5. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated October 26, 1953.
6. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated December 17, 1953.
7. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated January 21, 1954.

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8. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated February 14, 1954.
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10. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated April 15, 1954.
11. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated May 15, 1954.
12. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated June 25, 1954.
13. Newsletter of the San Francisco Chapter, Mattachine Society, dated July 15, 1954.
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49. "Mattachine Review" dated August 1956.
50. October 1956 issue of "The Ladder," published monthly in San Francisco, California, by the Daughters of Bilitie.
51. Leaflet captioned, "In Case You Didn't Know," by the "Mattachine Review," 693 Miesion Street, Room 312, San Francisco 5, California.

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

AT LOS ANGELES
AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

In the interest of economy and to avoid sending material to your office which you already possess, the Los Angeles Office is requested to advise whether any arrangements have been made to obtain future issues of the "Mattachine Review".

Unless advised to the contrary, the San Francisco Office will continue to furnish the Los Angeles Office with newsletters published by the various chapters in the Northern District of California.

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THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Reurlet 11/8/56.

This case is in a closed status in the Los Angeles Division and it is not desired that photostatic copies of publications of the society in Northern California be forwarded to Los Angeles.

Arrangements have been made to subscribe to the "Mattachine Review"; consequently, photostatic copies of this publication are not necessary.

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NEWSLETTER

OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
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CONTEST NEWS

THE WINNERS

From 4 winning NEWSLETTERS sent out (an extra one for good measure), we received two replies. Winnors are Mrs. B.M., Highland Park, and J.D., Los Angeles. Two names chosen who didn't respond were K.K. Long Beach and J.E.B., Los Angeles. Missing letter was the "T" in the heading: "CHRISTMAS PARTY."

HERE'S HOW!

THE CLUES

Somewhere in 3 NEWSLETTERS one letter is missing. Remember: the word is complete in all but 3 copies; in those 3 copies a short word has one letter missing. Here are some clues: it's a round letter in a square space; it's a big one; it seems to be sitting in a real hot spot! All right, now go to work on it! Address replies to Tom Stevens 2302 W. 11th St., Los Angeles 6.

PROGRAM

SEE INSIDE COVER FOR DETAILS

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THE PRIZES

A set of 4 silk-screened place mats with napkins. Or a Mil-oas form-fit T-shirt, sizes S, M, L. Or a modern ceramic serving dish. T-shirts come in some 15 colors; name 2 or 3 colors you'd like and we'll try to match one of them.

Please keep your letters and contributions coming in.

PROGRAM

ONE INSTITUTE

JANUARY

SUN 27 11:00am JANUARY BRUNCH--\$1.00 ea.
2302 West 11th St. Enter
by driveway on Grand View
St. side, up rear stairs,
door on left. Daughters
of Bilitis may be here
from San Francisco for a
visit; we dont know yet.
Our phone is Du 7-6241

FEbruary 4 6:50pm DINNER MEETING, speaker:
Herbert Selwyn continuing
his helpful advice on
"Preventive Law." It's at
Rand's Round-Up, 7580
Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.
\$2.10 includes "all you
can eat" and tip. Just
say Mattachine group when
you enter; the cashier'll
direct you.

WED 15 8:00pm BUSINESS MEETING, 2302

Wed 20 8:00pm DISCUSSION GROUP meets around the cheery fireplace at 215 No. Ave. 53 just off Figueroa in Highland Park. Take Pasadena Freeway to Ave 52 exit. Candlelight and good fellowship. Topic: Should the Homosexual Tell His Family about Himself? Refreshments.

SUN 24 11:30am FEBRUARY BRUNCH--\$1.00

MON 25 8:00pm NEWSLETTER work night.
Typing envelopes (bring typewriter if possible), putting together pages, stapling, folding, sealing and stamping amid general hilarity and much acid criticism of Newsletter. 826 Fedora St.

WED 27 8:00pm INTEREST-HOBBY; chiefly photography but we've also been promised some piano rolls on the player grand. Wouldn't miss it for anything! 826 Fedora St.

MARCH
MON 4 6:30pm DINNER. Speaker to be
announced.

January 25-27 is the date of the 1957 Mid-Winter Institute of One, Inc., to be held at L.A. Theme of this year's event be, "The Homosexual Answers His Critics." Registration fee is \$3.50 per person; Sunday afternoon tea (which will feature tea and sympathetic dramatic readings from "Mamma Doll," a new play by James Barr Fugate) is \$1 per person additional. and the Saturday evening banquet, at which Dr. Blanche M. Baker, San Francisco psychiatrist will speak, is \$3.50 per person. The main Saturday session features an outline of One's educational program, a critical evaluation of some Freudian theories, an informal luncheon, a paper written by Dr. Albert Ellis of New York, and a student panel from One's educational institute.

Persons attending must register in advance direct or by mail. Address inquiries and/or registrations to One, Inc 232 S. Hill St., L.A. 12. Enclose remittances required, state functions which you wish to attend and state that your age is over 21 years (above your signature). Interim

Quantity discounts include two \$3.50 registration fees for \$5.00, or the tea, banquet, and one registration fee in a package deal for \$5.00.

ONE'S PHONE IS MI-6983

HOMOSEXUALS TODAY

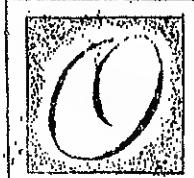
Hurry if you want a copy of the book, Homosexuals Today, recently published by One, Inc. That is the word from the publishers, who brought the 196-page cloth-bound edition off the press November 1. Some 60 pages in the book are devoted to Mattachine---past and present, including the most detailed history of the Mattachine Foundation yet to appear in print. Another article, written by Harry Hay, tells the meaning of the word "Mattachine," answering fully the question most frequently asked by newcomers.

Homosexuals Today was issued in limited quantity. The few remaining copies are priced at \$3.00 plus 20% postage and 12¢ tax. Interim

EDITORIAL

BY

BOB BISHOP



One of the most violent cataclysms of modern times took place in the Sunda strait when the volcanic island of Krakatoa exploded and disappeared completely, in the year 1883. Paroxysms lasted for two days and so tremendous was this eruption that it was heard 3000 miles away at Rodriguez, 1450 miles in the Philippines, 2000 miles at Ceylon and 2250 miles in Australia--never before were sound-waves perceived at such vast distances.

Awesome as was this calamitous phenomenon, it was insignificant compared to nature's ageless work--infinitesimal, in contrast to the skyward thrust of the great cordilleras of the world, or the leveling and gouging of the valleys and canyons of the continents. Nature's architectural prowess is greatest in her eternal persistence--in her eonian works.

And so the fruition of human dreams and hopes is attained by a quiet but unrelenting perseverance, in the face of all obstacles. This is a characteristic which many titans of knowledge and learning possessed. They were true children of nature.

Of Caesar was it said, "He moved through life calm and irresistible like a force of nature." Many creative gargantuans perhaps did not move thru life calmly but they were most assuredly irresistible in their convictions, in the face of denunciation, vilification and excommunication. At every turn, the great thinkers who advanced or proposed concepts that were new and possibly superior, were blocked by the status-quo. The men of learning, in the arts or sciences, who arrived at conclusions with their own minds and thru their own senses, were reviled and spurned for attempting to disturb the social patterns--for daring to challenge the savage EGO of existing institutions. And yet these men pushed on without encouragement and without glory for their reward was in the pure joy of knowledge and creativeness.

When Galileo verified and supported the Copernican theory that the earth revolved around the sun, the might of the all-powerful church was aligned against him. He was a disbeliever, an infidel of the lowest order who spoke against the church and God, for the scriptures plainly stated that the earth was the center of the universe and all heavenly bodies, including the sun, revolved around it. He was a heretic for lending credence to Copernicus and his sacrilegious and dangerous contention, which was contrary to the truth as the entire 17th century world knew!

So it was in every age. A fierce and unyielding stand against new ideas and patterns--a mode of behavior which went back to primordial times when primitive man looked upon other men with fear and suspicion. Any stranger was to be vanquished and destroyed.

But the bearers of truth were ultimately victorious. By sheer attrition they gradually dissolved the prejudices. They were patient and indefatigable with the drive and PERSISTENCE of nature, pushing on with a measured and unvarying tempo, like an imperial cadence.

We members and friends of Mattachine are most decidedly bearers of truth, if we sincerely believe the precepts and objectives of the Society--that it is the inalienable right of every law-abiding citizen, regardless of his harmless sexual propensities, to enjoy equal freedom and respect in the eyes of the community.

If we believe that God is love, in accordance with Christian dogma, we are guardians of truth, and conversely, if devout Christians reject homosexuality, they are turning from truth for they are repudiating God who, in their own words is "All-loving".

Nature, in her infinite and all-encompassing works, experiments endlessly with the world's flora and fauna. The flow of life in the crucible of time is subjected to slow but constant mutation, in accordance with life's evolutionary pattern to conform with the over-shifting and changing milieu. Who can explain the phenomenon of the intermediate sex? Perhaps in the distant future, when the myriad branches of learning merge in a more correlated manner, will the eternal "Why?" be answered. Meanwhile, all explanations are largely hypothetical, be they the sanctimonious dictums of religious institutions, the ponderous and esoteric theories of thinkers and philosophers or the pig-headed, arbitrary statements of some of our medical men and Freudian bloodhounds.

Truth is based on the nature of things--on FACT and not desire, speculation or fantasy. The innumerable phenomena of the great cosmic forces, such as fire, flood, earthquake and tornado are neither good nor bad, save in the view we take--they simply ARE. And by the same token, it is normal for a giraffe to eat from the tree tops, for evolution has equipped him with lengthy legs and neck. It is also normal for the horse to graze in the fields but this would be difficult and unnatural for the giraffe. It is normal for some animals to live by fang and claw, and equally normal for other animals to live by stealth and cunning. It is also normal for many creatures to survive by virtue of their timidity and swiftness. In this again, is to be found neither good nor bad, right nor wrong, but simply what IS.

So then, we members and affiliates of Mattachine who are just beginning to stir in the ancient chrysalis of prejudice, have the mightiest weapon and the most formidable ally with us--truth. Backed by quiet perseverance and illimitable patience the truth will in time be accepted by all thinking people who harbor a passion for democracy. This is the crux of Mattachine's aims--to employ every peaceful and unspectacular means to disseminate knowledge and unslanted information about American homosexuality in its totality. To educate the public to the fact that homosexuals are people covering the entire social scale from the indifferent to the noblest and most ethical--like any other class of people.

This is our destined work which we must carry on in a sustained but law-conforming manner and though this effort may require decades to realize, we must not falter--it is the only way, for by the very nature of our legislative system, the will of the majority is irrevocable and supreme. Not until the majority of the American public accept homosexuals as decent public-minded people will we be able to enter the civic arenas with full respect and equality.

In order to achieve this initial recognition, more extensive effort must be made to prove to the public that we are prepared to accept civic responsibility--that we are not all anti-social neurotics. We must accomplish this not by defensive writing or action but by good example. And our good actions must not be sporadic or emotional but they must become HABIT.

It is most essential that the public become cognizant of our favorable conduct, as individuals, and as a group. Unfortunately we have all been born in a culture which, in a thousand ways, glorifies and extols the virtues of heterosexuality and turns from homosexuality as from something evil and sinister. This pattern has been so implanted upon our minds that it is occasionally difficult to act or speak openly against the current. Those of us who are not obvious in appearance, often, when in a conversational group, overhear slurring and sneering remarks about our kind. The tendency is to laugh with the crowd, but this should never be done. At such times a serious demeanor, if one is not in a position to defend openly, will go a long way towards building up respect.

As an organization, there are ways in which we can make the public aware of our existence--it has often occurred to me that many homosexuals contribute periodically to the various worthwhile charities. If we could establish a national Mattachine charity fund to collect these contributions from individuals and give

sizeable checks from The Montachino Society to March of Dimes, The Red Cross, etc. the favorable impression would be real and lasting.

Once we establish ourselves as a legitimate and high-calibre organization in the eyes of the public, interest and support will undoubtedly be legion. "But meanwhile, those of us who are unencumbered by social or economic position, must take the lead and create an acceptable atmosphere into which no person--heterosexual or homosexual need have any qualms of entering. We must continue to place ourselves before the public advantageously--our dinner meetings and field trips must go on with unabating regularity. If only one person is favorably impressed with our conduct, he is the best courier of good will we could possibly have.

With undiminished effort we can look forward and hope for the day when the American climate becomes less forbidding--when councils and chapters of our organization can be established in every city and town across the nation, with cadres of selfless and dependable members. We must become indicative of American homosexuality as an ubiquitous manifestation and not as an out-growth from several large metropolitan areas.

Above all, we must be prepared for disappointments and set-backs. The sporadic and emotional drives can often be most impressive, like the eruption of Krakatoa, but the greatest and most lasting achievements are those which are attained by cool discipline and long range programs of unspectacular but PERSISTENT action.

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AUDIOPHILIA

A new neurosis has been discovered: audiophilia, or the excessive passion for hi-fi sound and equipment. The discoverer: Dr. Henry Angus Bowes, clinical director in psychiatry at Ste. Anne's Hospital for veterans at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., himself an audio fan. Tweet by tweet and woof by woof, at a research meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Psychiatrist Bowes spelled out how audiophiles behave.

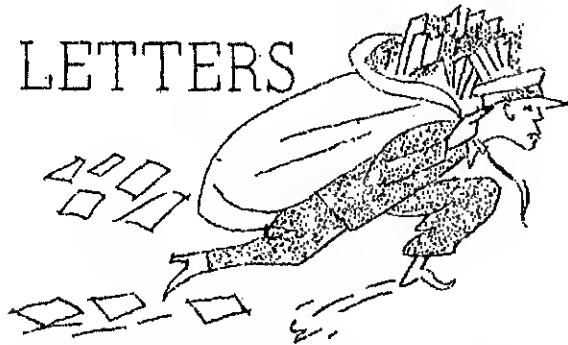
Most of them are middle-aged, male and intelligent, drawn largely from professions requiring highly conscientious performance (the church, accountancy, medicine, especially psychiatry). They are often single (or if married, childless). They rarely play any musical instrument well themselves. The hi-fi devotee, Dr. Bowes found, "is very frequently of compulsive personality, and tends to go through rituals in the playing of his recordings." What distinguishes the psychopathological addict from the enthusiastic followers of this (or any other) hobby? Dr. Bowes answered: "His tendency to become preoccupied with, and dependent upon, the bizarre recorded sounds...combined with the urge of the need and the final insufficiency of all attempts to satisfy it...The sound is turned up and up until it reaches the physical level of pain...One addict told me he would not be satisfied until he could hear the drop of saliva from the French horns."

Those who are not well organized emotionally, said Dr. Bowes, "will treat their hi-fi set as the emotionally immature treat a car--as an expression of aggression, as a power symbol." To many it has a sexual connotation: addicts may be seeking a "sterile reproduction without biological bother," and in extreme cases, a record collection becomes a "symbolic harem." Significantly, says Psychiatrist Bowes (married, no children), an addict's wife almost always demands that the volume be turned down: "Perhaps in the male's interest in hi-fi she senses a rival, as shrill and discordant as herself."

An unconscious motive for buying expensive equipment is often a desire for revenge, said Dr. Bowes. "One very compulsive patient, who found the sexual side of matrimony completely nauseating," he recalled, "was financially ruining his fairly wealthy wife by his extravagant purchases...while she obtained instinctual gratification elsewhere. As he somewhat ruefully remarked: 'She's interested in low fidelity and high frequency!'"

TIME, January 14, 1957

LETTERS



Dear Sirs: Enclosed find two dollars to help cover the expense of the Newsletter. Thank you for sending it. Keep up the good work.

W.C.F. Tujunga, Calif.

Dear Tod: Gee, looks like I'm lucky! You can knock the "L" out of Kelly and Kelly it always will be. Knock the "H" out of Dohony and there will still be some "H" left in me. Even tho I'm a magician if I steal the "T" out of Christmas----we'll have coffee, should any of you have nothing better to do. Call me. Oh yes, I would like the place mats and napkins, if I may.

J.D. Los Angeles

Dear Tom, I found the latest issue of the Newsletter very interesting all the way thru.

R.H.G. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Tom, I'm a little late but here's the buck for the Newsletter 1957. Sure hope everybody had a good time at the Christmas party. I'm sure you did. I had toys wrapped and ready to mail but just didn't get to the P.O. to mail them. Best wishes for '57.

L.W. Ontario, Calif.

To the readers of THE LADDER in the L. A. area: A delegation from the Daughters of Bilitis in San Francisco plans to attend One's Mid-Winter Institute in Los Angeles the weekend of January 25-27. If it is possible to obtain a private dining room in one of the hotels in L.A. for Sunday breakfast and a two-hour meeting, at a nominal fee, would you be interested in attending? We would like to discuss with you in the L.A. area the program and plans for our organization. We are extremely interested in forming a chapter there. Please let us know immediately if you would care to attend. Send all replies to Del Martin, 651 Duncan Street,

San Francisco 14, California.

Dear Sir: Please accept my thanks for taking the trouble to send me the Daughters of Bilitis address. I am enclosing a transcript of a case which should be of some interest to you. If you have not already seen it and it has as yet not been published in any of your news mediums, you are welcome to use this copy. I think you people are working in the right direction and I would like to see your efforts continue along the lines you have adopted. A.B.G., Ph.D., L.A.

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That old JUKE FAMILY TREE is in the news again

Dr. Walter Alvarez, Times columnist, reports on several investigations concerning one Max Juke and some 700 odd direct descendants traced back to him. Juke, it appears, was lazy, lascivious, lewd, the typical bum. Of 282 male descendants over age 19 and 367 women over 15, it was found that 305 were antisocial and a nuisance. 51 women were living as prostitutes and 82 more had been prostitutes. 41 of the whole group were criminals and 103 were mentally defective, while 83 were alcoholic. Only 152 of the total 705 could be called industrious. Wonder if this is a warning not to trace our family trees. D.O.



JANUARY

DISCUSSION GROUP

Our discussion meeting of January 16th, on the topic "A Permanent Relationship" got off to a rolling start when chairman Ron, acting as moderator, opened the session with several comments on the absence of legal or social binding forces in any homosexual relationship, such as exist for heterosexual unions and the effects of this freedom, both good and bad, upon the former relationship. He pointed out the detrimental effects of this immunity upon permanency and, on the other hand, it's convenience in terminating a partnership that is no longer desired by one or both parties.

The need for a permanent relationship is most essential, by consensus of opinion, and its desirability above ephemeral escapades is recognized by the serious individual. With this awareness, some of those present who had experienced relationships of fairly long duration were called upon to cite what they believed to be the most important characteristics and qualifications necessary to maintain a permanent partnership. From the discussion following, several salient points were brought forth.

Possessiveness, it seems, is not a favorable characteristic in building a solid relationship and individuals must discipline themselves not to give voice to their curiosity, in regard to the movements and activities of their partners--not to attempt to restrict their freedom either by word or attitude.

The prime importance of being able to sit down to discuss difficulties was strongly stressed. This is especially true of an alliance which has no external social sanction, as the heterosexual union. The hyper-sensitive homosexual, having developed a nervous system of lightning rapidity thru the years of ostracism, is constantly on the alert for little signals of rejection from his companion and quite often he may wrongly interpret an inadvertent look, word, or gesture. At such moments, if the parties involved have not disciplined themselves to sit down calmly and discuss the matter with reason, the situation can snowball into a full scale quarrel. This ab-

bility to handle a bad disagreement with quiet logic is imperative if the relationship is to survive and where there is no common ground for open discussion the union is doomed to quick dissolution.

A great tolerance must be developed by both parties in the inevitable side affairs. In a relationship of long standing, deep bonds are established which cannot be lightly dismissed--the extra-partnership adventures can fill both parties with terrible confusion and anxiety but if the offended member remains calm, he will be as an anchor in the emotional storm and most often the erring friend will have a change of heart after the initial excitement of a new friend passes.

The partner must be more than an object of convenience or biological gratification. One must place his companion above his own needs and assume full responsibility for his happiness as a human being. In this way, a deep and abiding oneness can eventually be achieved, for the companion with character will most assuredly respond in a like manner.

It is characteristically human to harbor more affection for the person in whom we have invested a part of ourselves, be it in the form of service, devotion or personal interest. In the gathering years a pattern such as this can result in a solid friendship which will prove much more satisfactory than the emotionally charged affair where each party is filled with impractical expectations at the commencement of the companionship.

There was some variance of opinion as to what was meant by "permanent relationship." One participant felt that a union of one year could thereafter be considered more or less permanent. In a conversation, after the discussion had terminated, this writer was told of a relationship which had endured for thirty-three years. A practical interpretation of permanency was offered by the moderator in his view that mutual "intent" at the initiation of a relationship was a valid criterion. This seems logical--no guarantee can be extended in the success of human relations, as is done with a manufactured product.

Seventeen people were present, in-

MONTHLY DISCUSSION MEETING (concluded)

cluding several guests--one of them a pleasant young woman who may have missed the company of you other gals whom we are always anxious to have present at our affairs.

Coffee was served by Max with his usual efficiency as host and the session ended pleasantly with small conversational groups exchanging pleasantries over their refreshment. Bob B.

THE SAME TOPIC AS DISCUSSED IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST AUGUST

Comments by several of those who were fortunate enough to hear the speaker at the August 2 meeting of the Mattachino Society's Public Discussion Group at the Friend's Center on Sutter Street, indicated that this was perhaps one of the finest meetings yet held. The speaker, a noted San Francisco therapist, talking from a very wide personal as well as professional background, outlined the topic, "The Need for a Permanent Relationship."

He first explained that the feminine approach to marriage is basically emotional, while the male attitude is primarily intellectual. There being this very broad difference, when two people with the same basic approach enter into a "permanent" relationship, certain difficulties will necessarily follow. The independent approach of the male and the dependent approach of the female is not counterbalanced in homophilic relationships.

Homophilic permanent relationships can be, and are being, successful adventures. These can be such only by careful and cooperative planning. Failures of most such relationships can be traced to boredom and/or possessiveness. Many of these relationships are built in a very small circle of contacts with other people, with one partner becoming jealous in his possessiveness. The excitement of sharing the same bed fades as the years go by. Many relationships started upon the first meeting, but as our speaker wisely stated, it is far better to GROW in love than it is to FALL in love.

Marriage--any marriage or like relationship--was defined as being a "cooperative adventure in growth" with extra emphasis on cooperation. Problems will inevitably arise and these must be solved as they come up. It is very important that the partners can sit down and have a "man to man" talk. Drawing from his personal experience, he stated that the big problems can be and are usually faced without any trouble, but the little ones seem to create big hurdles.

The speaker was very frank in stating that if a relationship is to last thru the years extra "activities" must be built into the relationship. The male must have the assurance that he is still attractive to others as well as having the excitement of new meetings. Accepting each other "as is" is an important factor in building a lasting relationship.

Explaining further what was meant by the best type of relationship being a "cooperative adventure in growth," he stated that cooperation includes constant compromise and a continual willingness and awareness of seeing and understanding the other person's viewpoint. This in turn produces a sense of excitement and adventure that keeps the relationship ever alive. And the quality of adventure creates the one of growth. These, in brief, are some of the things that can be built into the homophilic relationship and some of the things that can cause it either to fail or to succeed.





THE SILENT WORLD

by Francis Packard

Fellow members, I am going to present to you a new group of homosexuals--those who are isolated behind an iron curtain, in a private world of their own. These men and women are homosexuals in every sense, but they are severely restricted in their caste by the handicap of deafness.

There are two groups of the deaf, many miles apart from each other. The common and foremost group consists of the deaf-mutes; those who can neither speak, hear, nor lip-read. The smaller group is composed of deaf-earls who are capable of speech and lip-reading well enough to get around and mingle with the normal-hearing.

Most of the deaf are generous and fun-loving, possessing very fine senses of humor, but they are extremely sensitive of their handicap--they dislike being reminded of their disability and when aroused their tempers can be more touchy than that of a cobra.

They strive hard to gain recognition in normal society--either heterosexual or homosexual, but in the majority of cases these attempts are looked down upon by their hearing confrères. This attitude is disastrous to the deaf--it destroys self-confidence quicker and more effectively than words. A frank and open reprimand of a deaf-mute will not give rise to unpleasantness but the clear attitude of "We can't be bothered with you" brings repercussions faster than one can imagine. Frankly, the deaf, both oral and mute, are by nature over-sensitive. I've seen cases where deaf persons would be invited to a gathering of normal-hearing people. Feeling humbly grateful, they would go to the affair with happy hearts but would eventually leave the party with their tails between their legs, like cowed dogs. Why? It can often be due to the fact that one normal-hearing fellow came up with a big feigned smile while his heart and mind may have said, "How in heaven can so and so be, bothered with them?" Unfortunately, the deaf, being gifted with a powerful sixth sense, can instinctively discern this attitude.

Like the fabled many-headed Hydra of Greek mythology, the problem of deafness gives rise to many attending problems--bigotry, intolerance or misunderstanding constantly rear their heads. Thus the problem becomes more serious and unbearable--in order to avoid being hurt repeatedly, they rigidly cloister themselves. They are almost forced to do this.

The deaf usually are affectionate and have enormous hearts of gold but in some cases they may possess the brains of a flea. In spite of being rattlebrained, they have memories like elephants when they are hurt or slighted.

When they receive love or warm affection from the non-handicapped, it is returned with humility and deep gratefulness. Unfortunately, it requires much patience and understanding to be a companion, or even a friend to a deaf-mute. Being a good pal is hard enough on the normal but being a companion and/or lover is far more difficult. Their unpleasant voices are often nerve-grating. At times they unknowingly make noises such as shutting doors, handling dishes and closing drawers unnecessarily loud. It takes years and years for the deaf to train themselves, with the help of a steady and inexhaustible flow of "don'ts" coming from their companions. However, such cases are rare.

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Because there are so few people prepared to help the deaf homosexuals with inexhaustible patience, many hearts are broken time after time needlessly. Often possessing very stubborn natures, the deaf try to establish lasting relationships over and over again. I've known one who had seventeen companions in the space of six or seven years--quite a record, I must admit, but not so amusing? Pitiful? Yes, because they keep trying, not being aware of their personality difficulties, other than their inability to hear.

I have many pleasant memories of fun from the days way back, when I lived in New Orleans with a deaf companion. We often had guests visiting us--they were fun-loving and excellent company.

Due to the needless persecution because of their handicap, they withdraw into a very tiny world where they share problems with the other deaf--this sharing of experience makes the matter only worse as they all face the same problem.

So due to the withdrawal and cloistering of themselves, the normal-hearing find it difficult to reach their hearts. Then the deaf form their own life, taking it much more seriously than the hearing, with such activities as the drags, sistering and whatnot. Their morals, I regret to say, are much lower than the normal-hearing gays....

Considering all the aforementioned, the view of the deaf towards homosexuality is vastly different than the normal hearing. It is possible that in some cases these views are of a high nature, but in most cases--no. Even I have difficulty in trying to make the deaf realize their ideas and patterns of thinking but I'll be darned if they're not as stubborn as a dozen mules.

If there were a way of uncloistering the deaf and bringing them to better understanding, these problems could be easily ended--but how? Let's see what we can do, fellow members....

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NEWS AND NOTES BY D.O.

ST. JOHN ERVINE'S new book Bernard Shaw, His Life, Work, and Friends (William Morrow, 599pp--\$7.50) brings out a hitherto little known part of the great dramatist's life. Seoms SHAW, who was married for 45 years, promised his wife that the marriage would never be consummated. The vow was never broken by either partner and both said it was a happy marriage.

WOULD LOVE to know the plot of Sun Also Rises, proposed new film. Columnists say it can't possibly get by the censor unless the theme is changed.

L.A.'S MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE, Spanish film house, recently offered a stark story of dolinquency that could be a lesson to many modern day parents. Con Quien Anden Nuestras Hejas? (Whom Are Our Daughters Running Around with?) concerns a young girl and her bad influence on two young debutantes. It tells the age-old story of the child who needs love and thoughtful supervision in his impressionistic years.

WHETHER WE want it or not, it appears the MATTACHINE REVIEW is getting free advertising in Physique Pictorial these days. Page 17 of the Fall, 1956 issue of this oft-attacked mag. discusses Homosexuality and Body Building, suggesting that, though body culture enthusiasts are often accused of homosexuality, there is no mere evidence of such in this field than in most others. For free literature on homosexuality, they suggest writing to the REVIEW or ONE, INC.

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Have you thought about sending us a contribution--no matter how small?

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

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erhaps James Baldwin should have called his book "A Homosexual Tragedy," for that is what it is.

Yet, instead of merely depicting the tragic lives of purely fictional persons, as is the case of so many other books on this subject, Baldwin has hit home with a stark, moving drama of human people that many would prefer not to accept.

It is a love story involving Giovanni and David and David's fiance, Hella. Set in Paris, it flows with the freedom and open-mindedness that Europeans show for sex as opposed to the American feeling. Giovanni is Italian, while David is an American and it might be that this explains David's reluctance to accept a situation unfamiliar to him. David's latent homosexuality and his refusal to accept it are brought to a head when he meets Giovanni and agrees to move to his room. Though unwilling at first, he experiences an overpowering attraction that compels him to share himself with Giovanni, who loves him. David can return this love only physically, however, since he refuses to destroy the man-god image of himself which he has created. The room, junk-piled, dirty, and small, stinking of body odors and bad sanitation, becomes a symbol to him of the sordid life he is leading. He grows to hate the room and with it everything it represents. When his fiance returns from an extensive tour of Spain, David leaves the room and Giovanni to live with her in common-law marriage. He soon finds, however, that he can no longer enjoy women and he grows to hate her and the sex she embodies. In despair at David's leaving, Giovanni has killed a lustful bar owner who has designs on him. He is caught and sentenced to death. Tortured by the feeling that he caused Giovanni's death, David seeks consolation in a succession of male companions. Here, Hella finds him and openly declares her distaste of him and his chosen path. After losing everyone, we leave David still searching for himself in the debris of notorious bars and forgotten nightly affairs.

Baldwin's remarkable exposé of the tragic unreality in the lives of many people should be a lesson to his readers to examine their own lives.

It is a tastefully written book on a subject that has often been made cheap in the past.

D. O.

HUNGARY FRIEND NEEDS OUR HELP

European sources have sent word that a frequent Hungarian correspondent to the Los Angeles Area Council has escaped from that stricken area to find refuge in Austria. While he escaped unharmed, we are advised of his dire need of clothing, food and other necessities which he was unable to take with him.

The Area is now engaging in a project to collect materials to send to this person, who has proved great interest in the Society's work in the past. Contributions of clothing, soap, medicines, food and other useful articles will be greatly appreciated. Please direct any materials you wish to donate to this cause to Tom Stevens, 2302 West 11th Street, Los Angeles 6, or call Dunkirk 7-6241 for pickup. Women's and men's clothing alike will be gratefully accepted, since other members of his family are also in need.

Take a moment today to send us a letter and a few stamps!

NEWS

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Notes

by D.O.

While Baby Doll, controversial TENNESSEE WILLIAMS screenplay, continues causing giant uproars in U.S. religious circles, we hear that it's just mild stuff to the hot-blooded Parisians. CARDINAL FELTON, head of the Paris Archdiocese of the Roman Church goes so far as to classify C. B. DEKILLE'S biblical extravaganza, The Ten Commandments as much sexier. Naughty, naughty, Cecil.

MEANWHILE, in Los Angeles there's a revival of WILLIAMS' Streetcar Named Desire at the all negro EBONY THEATRE on Crenshaw Blvd. Starring JAMES EDWARDS, it's getting enthusiastic audience approval. This, too, caused minor skirmishes when first released, as you may recall.

ALSO in L.A. currently is Pajama Tops, sex-comedy starring MARY BETH HUGHES. It's here after three years in Paris which should mean--OOH-La-La!

JANUS, adultery comedy just closing at the HUNTINGTON HARTFORD here, proved of interest in a closing scene when EDITH MEISER, portraying a lady bachelor, indicated dislike for the female species. She's shown as a masouline person with strong business interests.

TV OF LATE, too, has turned to deeds of derring-do. Witness two appearances on PHIL SILVERS You'll Never Get Rich when cast members have appeared dressed as the dainty female set. It never fails for laughs and Silvers knows just how to make sure.

DRAGGING, according to two TV shows, The West Point Story and Men of Annapolis, is the term used by cadets for dating and the dates are called drags. Cross my heart, that's what they said!

ACCORDING to ALBERT ELLIS, noted psychotherapist and author, sex is often a factor in cases of arson. ELLIS, whose sex views have often been under attack, indicated that many individuals think of the flames as a symbol of sex desire. Too, he said, firebugs often start fires so they can see scantly dressed persons running from buildings. It is also known that persons can be so sexually frustrated that they will set fire to a house of prostitution. These factors came to light in recent inquiries regarding possible arson causing the Malibu disaster.

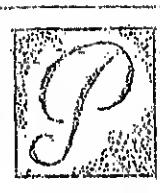
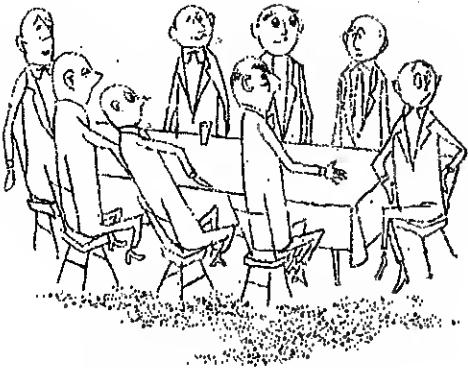
FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS, dealing with the conquest of mental illness, will have JACQUES SCOTT as star, according to published reports by director STEPHEN APOSTOLOF. It will go before the cameras this month.

THE BIG RED ONE, latest starring vehicle announced for JOHN WAYNE, is planned as another What Price Glory?, we hear. Like its predecessor, it promises lots of blood and sex along the way.

WRITTEN ON THE WIND, tho LAUREN BACALL, ROBERT STACK, DOROTHY MALONE and RODD HUDSON starrer just released, turned into a sex quadrangle to out-sex all others. It involves a Texas oil heir, who's used to having his way and gets it. Everyone gets married, yet everyone is accused of torrid, clandestine affairs with everyone else.

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THE DINNER



ersonable, unassuming Lyn Pedersen delivered a talk at our dinner meeting of Jan. 7th which served as a synopsis for his detailed and extensive knowledge of homosexuality in England, particularly emphasizing its violent intrusion upon public life in the last few years.

In 1953 a prominent member of Parliament was arrested in a public restroom--rumors and gossip flew like the wind and a short time later, immediately after the coronation, three well-known individuals were also arrested along with many others. The more lurid British newspapers seized this unfortunate event and fanned it into a roaring holocaust which triggered puritanic guardians of public morals into vehement protestation against this latest threat to decency. Paralleling this development, however, there also emerged much thoughtful suggestion and increased expression for rationalization--along with the ensuing highly publicized trials, there evolved a spirit of research and many committees were appointed by various different agencies to study and learn more about homosexuality, with an unbiased approach. Not since the trials of Oscar Wilde, had England been swept by such notoriety.

Mr. Pedersen, we were happy to note, dispensed with the formality of rising--he remained comfortably seated, which gave a warm, casual friendliness to his talk. After reviewing the current situation in England, Lyn briefly recounted highlights from British homosexuality of the past--information which was ferreted out during the fanfare.

A few of the known homosexuals were William the Conqueror's son; Marlowe and Bacon; the romantic poets, Byron, Keats and Shelley were also thus identified. From the 15th century to the 19th, sodomy was punishable by death in England, but this formidable law was repealed in the latter century.

Certain changes of public and official attitudes, if nothing else, were achieved by the contemporary upheaval in Britain. Higher echelons admitted that perhaps homosexuals did have characteristic abilities which rendered them useful in various categories and the British Medical Association, after much research stated that homosexuality was a fixed trait in most cases and a "cure" could only be effected with border-line cases. They also stated that most claims for cures were falsely made by charlatans and quacks. No conclusion was reached as to the cause of homosexuality by the B.M.A.

The majority of public sentiment and expression in England was against the tenor of publicity and near-hysteria which attended the recent trials.

Our speaker's closing words were devoted to the sad lack of freedom of the press in connection with homosexuality in England and the total absence of any sort of organization in that country today.

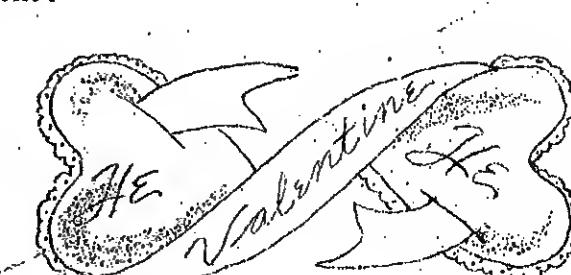
We thank Mr. Lyn Pedersen for his presence and we are cognizant of his sustained effort to efface discrimination.

Bob B.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Malone gives a brilliant portrayal of sensuality that would make any red-blooded American boy wither. Understand Stack is considered for an oscar in this one.



One midnight in the glamor after rain
His head dreamed on my shoulder; the soft din
Of crickets to the wet woods' mandolin
Was eloquent of youth and sweet with pain,

Then two police tore flashlights from the dark,
Saw we had women, searched the car for gin.
Why also would two young fools come here to park?
Imbocility--Ernest Hartsock

PRESS CLIPPINGS

In Detroit, embarrassed because her first name sounded too masculine, Mrs. Eddie Jefferson petitioned to have it changed to Billie....In Los Angeles, addressing a florists' convention, Benton E. Krischor suggested that as a "revolt against monotony" men should wear flowers in their beards, illustrated his point by sporting a dolphinium in his....

LAST YEAR, at a special audience for delegates to a world congress of editors, Pope Pius XII sharply attacked books that emphasize vice. The natural law, he said, should prohibit scenes of vice that some books emphasize, for the danger from such books is not restricted to children but also menaces adults. Severe penalties imposed by law against such books are as justified as are those against the traffic of narcotics, the Pope said.

"I understand there has been a revival of black magic practices in Birmingham," said Evangelist Bryan Green, Britain's Billy Graham. Black magic, he warned Britons, "debases man's desire to love and trust God as his heavenly father and tries to get him to make the devil his source of guidance. My warning is--keep clear of black magic. And if anyone should himself be drawn into a circle that he suspects has black magic links and leanings to perversion, he should talk at once to his doctor or a friendly parson who will respect his confidences." TIME, Apr. 9

There was once a venerable Quaker who left behind him when he died a diary in 27 volumes. This diary was the record of a blameless, almost holy life, and page after page was filled with elevating reflections. Frequently in the margin of a page would appear the odd phrase, "T & F." Pages recording truly saintly days would have this notation time and time again. Finally the old man's heirs discovered the meaning of the cryptic phrase. It was: Tempted and Fell.

THE CORONET FILM MUSEUM, 366 No. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 48 presents: Jan. 22, 23, 24, 8pm, and Jan. 25, 7pm, Avrum J. Kahn, psychoanalyst associated with the California Institute of Psychology, in person, to discuss a series of mental health films: "Breakdown", schizophrenia, paranoid conditions, manic state, etc.

Immanuel Gospel Mission on Olive Street had on its marquee last week: Latter Rain Convention, Feb. 17-27.

CLIFTON'S Cafeterias, famous for their oddities of design and policy, publish the following morsel in "Clifton's Food for Thot" placed on their tables to enhance the dining pleasure of patrons. "Among the gruesome implements" (seen at the Fiji Museum) "is the 'braining spoon,' a stone cut to a column, one foot around and about four feet high. The human offering was held, foot and hand, by two natives and, his brains knocked out against this stone, before being sacrificed and eaten. They....had foot long four-pronged forks so they did not touch it in the process (of eating)."

Warden Wilkinson, Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary, commenting on the prison murder of convicted perjurer William Romington, one time Commerce Dept. aide, termed "a lot of hogwash" reports that groups of prisoners were going around "looking for Communists," added that he doubted robbery was the sole motive for the killing of Romington but would not elaborate.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND BODYBUILDING. In a recent issue, Iron Man Magazine sounded the alarm that homosexuals are invading the bodybuilding field and that "this evil must be stamped out." While we do not claim the apparent intimate acquaintance with homosexuality of some of the editorial writers who seem to be preoccupied with the subject, we wonder if this quality is more to be found among bodybuilders than in any other segment of our population. We are reminded of a physique contest held a few years ago in New York City, when a famous poser's performance was greeted with the following from a gallery heckler: "Look at that faggot pose." As if it were a planned part of his routine, the contestant gave his tormentor an appropriate gesture and retorted so that all might hear, "It takes one to tell one!"....we wonder if really good people show prejudice against any minority group. What difference does it make if a bodybuilder is Catholic or Protestant, etc., white or black, Republican or Democrat, homosexual or heterosexual,--isn't the physical culture program as suitable for one as for the other. Indeed, human nature being what it is, we can never find ourselves in complete agreement with others on every detail of behaviour, social and religious mores etc., so let us consider only what we have in common with one another and not seek to erect unnecessary barriers. And before attempting to condemn others for their particular "sins" which we do not share in, let us attend to putting our own life in exemplary order. We understand that those who want factual information about the so-called homosexual problem can get free literature without their name going on a mailing list by sending a large self-addressed stamped envelope to One, Inc., 232 S. Hill St. L.A. 12, Calif., or Mattachine Review 693 Mission St. room 312, San Francisco 5, Calif. PHYSIQUE PICTORIAL, Fall 1956 (35¢ at newsstands)

SOCIETY MOVES HEADQUARTERS

Administrative headquarters of the Mattachine Society, Inc., have now been established at San Francisco after a move on January 1 from Los Angeles. The Society's new address is that of the Mattachine Review and the San Francisco Area Council: 693 Mission Street, Room 312, San Francisco 5, Calif.

Post Office Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, remains the address of the Los Angeles Area Council. LAAC's building space at 357 Belmont Ave. has been given up, also as of January 1, since use of the building did not justify its cost, the area reports.

During the month of January, records, files and the treasury of the Society formerly headquartered at Los Angeles will be transferred to San Francisco, so that there will be no break in the handling of correspondence and other Society business.

NEWS ITEMS from INTERIM, quarterly newsletter of the Society

BOARD MEMBERS RESIGN

Three resignations on the Board of Directors were tendered during the final quarter of last year, all from the Los Angeles area. D. C. Olson, corresponding secretary and member of the year in 1954, gave up his post in October. Max Demmin, vice chairman, verbally announced his resignation soon thereafter. Chairman Ken Burns submitted his letter of resignation in November, announcing that he would step down from that office on December 31. The resignations of the members were from Board posts only--all remain active in membership in the Los Angeles area. Burns, it will be remembered, was accorded honorary membership in the Society at its 1955 convention, a recognition of his work in the transition of Mattachine from a foundation to a Society more than a year before. All three officers had served approximately three full-year terms on the Board in their respective posts.

CHANGES IN LOS ANGELUS

Another recent change in the Los Angeles Area is the combining of chapters into a single unit for the purposes of activities, memberships, newsletter and other functions. The area features a dinner with a speaker on the first Monday evening each month, a monthly discussion meeting, and other events for business matters, newsletter production, mailing, etc. A series of hobby-craft sessions have been conducted in winter months to develop additional interest. Membership in the area at last reports in 1956 stood at almost 20.

Praise for the attractive format, high quality production and interesting content of the Los Angeles Newsletter has come from all corners of the organization and from other sources. Each monthly edition since early in 1956 has appeared in an attractive cover in many colors, produced by silk screen process.

LUCAS BECOMES CHAIRMAN

Mattachine President D. Stewart Lucas of San Francisco assumed the duties of Chairman of the Society on January 1 following the resignations of the chairman and vice chairman at Los Angeles. The post held by Lucas, in addition to his serving as business manager of the Mattachine Review, was created at the General Convention in 1956. While the two offices--that of Chairman and President--essentially gave the Society two heads, the fact is that the intention was the opposite. The office of President, the Convention decided, would handle the majority of operational affairs--membership, routine administration, etc., while the Chairman would head the Board of Directors as the governing body between conventions, and preside at conventions and semi-annual Board meetings.

CORRECTION PLEASE

Mattachine officers and members in California read in the last issue of One magazine (October-November) that membership had "badly dwindled" in California during 1956. Dal McIntire, with all good intentions for accurate reporting, confused the situation in one section of the state with the entire California region. Fact is that the San Francisco area now has 34 members, a record for the area since initial organizational efforts in 1953.

SAN FRANCISCO'S 43RD NEWSLETTER

San Francisco's monthly newsletter--which published its 43rd consecutive monthly issue in December--continued as an important area project. Mailing list, including many paid subscribers, exceeded 150 for each of the 12 issues. In addi-

tion to the monthly calendar, news of discussion meetings, etc., the issues carried notes on books, plays and other events of interest to readers (a similar pattern to that followed in Los Angeles and New York editions).

From Society's Quarterly NEWSLETTER, January, 1957
Called INTERIM.....and Published in San Francisco

"ON MAY 23 OF THIS YEAR

WERE YOU A HOMOSEXUAL?"

"Yes," the defendant answered.

The question won Robert Giani, defendant, a new trial. Giani had been charged by the State of California with violation of section 288a of the Penal Code. He denied the charge. The District Attorney in cross-examining had asked, in spite of objection, whether on the date of the alleged occurrence Giani was a homosexual. The defendant's "yes" sparked a series of events: an order for a new trial, an appeal by the State against retrial, and as a result of that appeal an affirmation by Fred B. Wood, Justice of the District Court of Appeal, of the defendant's right to a new trial.

Following in non-legal language are some of the rulings on which the granting of a new trial was based:

Since during "direct examination" he was not asked if he were homosexual, it was improper to ask this question in cross-examination.

Without expert medical testimony to support it, we cannot say that all homosexuals tend to commit certain acts or are "sexual psychopaths."

A defendant is prosecuted for the crime as described and not for any "purpose, motive, or intent" he may have had in doing it. However if "purpose, motive, or intent" is specifically denied by the defendant as in his contention it was an accident or a mistake, then evidence of other similar crimes may be introduced. Likewise the fact that the question "were you a homosexual" was asked by the prosecution and information on the subject was not volunteered by the defendant, prevents such testimony from being used because the "purpose, motive, or intent" ruling still applies, until a defendant waives protection (of this ruling) by voluntarily testifying.

Can the question, "Were you a homosexual?" be used to imply that every homosexual is "psycho-biologically" predisposed to sodomy? Justice Wood said "no." He "held that (the) question was improper, in (the) absence of sound basis" for any such inference, and that, "under (the) circumstances admission of evidence over objection was prejudicial error."

The State in its appeal spoke of homosexuality as a "psycho-biological condition which predisposes, indeed compels, a party to commit an abnormal sexual offense." Justice Wood says, "(The State) has not cited any expert medical testimony to that effect. It has suggested that we refresh the judicial recollection by reading one or more of a series of Sexual Deviation Research Reports of studies officially conducted by the State Department of Mental Hygiene acting through the Superintendent (Karl M. Bowman, M.D.) of the Langley Porter Clinic. We have perused those reports but find nothing therein which seems to support counsel's broad claim that every homosexual is predisposed to commit crimes, sexual crimes, crimes of the nature of the crime defined and proscribed by section 288a. Instead we find such statements as these: 'The facts are that the majority of homosexuals are no particular menace to society. A small number of them, like those who are heterosexual, will attempt to seduce or sexually assault others or try to initiate sex relations with small children.' 'Most exhibitionists, homosexuals and peepers may fit into the class of psychopaths and yet be socially harmless individuals.' Evidence does not exist for the popular idea "that homosexuals are in general antisocial individuals."

"In this state of the record we perceive no sound basis for entertaining a presumption or an inference that every homosexual is 'psycho-biologically' predisposed to perform the acts proscribed by section 288a of the Penal Code.

"We are mindful of Edmund Burke's classic utterance in his Second Speech on Conciliation with America. 'I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people.' Equally true, we think, would be the statement 'You can not indict an entire segment of the population.' Yet that, it would seem, is precisely what the challenged question does. Perhaps we could express it more clearly were we to assume the charge to be that of rape, 'accomplished with a female not the wife of the perpetrator,' and that the prosecutor asked the defendant upon cross-examination 'Are you a heterosexual?', the contention being that every heterosexual is of a 'psycho-biological' make-up which 'predisposes, indeed compels,' him to commit rape....

"The legislature has not, in so many words at least, declared that every homosexual is a sexual psychopath. Instead, it....(has) defined the latter term as meaning a person 'who is affected, in a form predisposing to the commission of sexual offenses, and in a degree constituting him a menace to the health or safety of others, with any of the following conditions: (a) Mental disease or disorder; (b) Psychopathic personality; (c) Marked departures from normal mentality.' Conceivably a person might be affected by one or another of the conditions described in clauses (a), (b), and (c) but not 'in a form' predisposing him to commit sexual offenses, not 'in a degree' constituting him a menace to the health or safety of others. In the absence of expert medical testimony on the subject we hesitate to equate the word 'homosexual' with the term 'sexual psychopath.'"

In conclusion Justice Wood quoted from a similar case: "'In a case such as this where the crime charged is of itself sufficient to inflame the mind of the average person, it is required that there be rigorous insistence upon observance of the rules of the admission of evidence and conduct of the trial.'"

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MANLINESS

One reason why U.S. women outlive men by an average of four years is our curious cult of manliness," wrote Dr. Lemuel C. McGee, medical director of the Hercules Powder Co., in Today's Health. "The practice of manliness has become a curse--a lethal curse. The American male has been indoctrinated with the philosophy that he must live, work and play at a dizzy pace....Whether such behavior is necessary or desirable is rarely considered. The man can take it! He must show others that he can take it and disregard any limitations of his mind or body."

TIME, January 14, 1957

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ROY ROGERS DECLINES CHEESECAKE OFFER

Publicity recently given to an extortion attempt on famed cowboy ROY ROGERS. The youngsters' idol, it appears, received a letter from a 14-year old Ohio schoolboy demanding \$500,000 or he would subject Rogers to "moral disgrace by the distribution to schoolchildren of altered photographs showing him in the nude." ROGERS thwarted the demand by turning the letter over to authorities, who arrested the boy and turned him over to parents on probation. School officials described the lad, an honor student, as "emotionally high strung and with a lot of time on his hands."

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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

JAN 6 MON 8:30 DINNER MEETING at Hard's Round Up, 7580 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.

JAN 8 WED 8:00 BUSINESS MEETING at 926 S. Federal.

JAN 16 THUR 8:00 DISCUSSION GROUP at 6418 Saint Francis Terrace, Hollywood. Evalyn Heiber, Ph.D., will moderate a discussion on the subject of camping. This will be one of the most interesting and perhaps camping occasions of the year. It is a must.

JAN 22 WED 8:00 WORK NIGHT at the Hayloft, 926 S. Federal. Newsletter, Mattaching history, as well as other work.

JAN 30 ~~MONDAY~~ THUR 8:00 DISCUSSION GROUP, Clubroom, Berwyn Apartments, 1237 S. Alejandro (just off Pico). Debraon will moderate a discussion on "Male/Female Homosexuals. Similarities? Differences?" at which many of the social, physical, and psychological aspects will be considered. It is hoped that many of the women readers will attend this meeting and contribute their views.

FEB 3 SUN 11:00 BRUNCH at 407 S. Union Dr., Apt. #13 Top Deck. We are expecting a few new faces at this brunch, as well as a large turn out.

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WIN A PRIZE!!

BRING IN A NEW MEMBER! A MEMBER HAS DONATED A PRIZE OF \$10.00 ON A HANDSOME MOROCCO WALLET FOR THE PERSON BRINGING IN THE MOST MEMBERS BETWEEN JANUARY 1st AND APRIL 1st. YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL WILL COUNT AS ONE. WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND TO THE NEXT MEETING?

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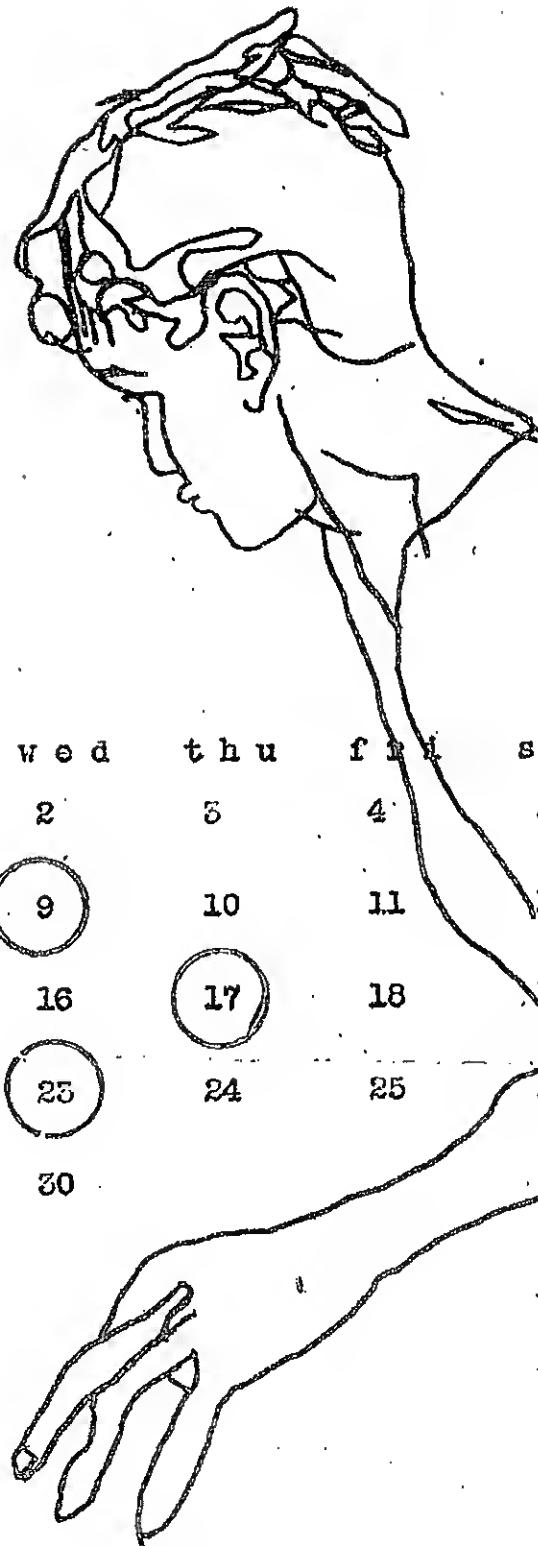
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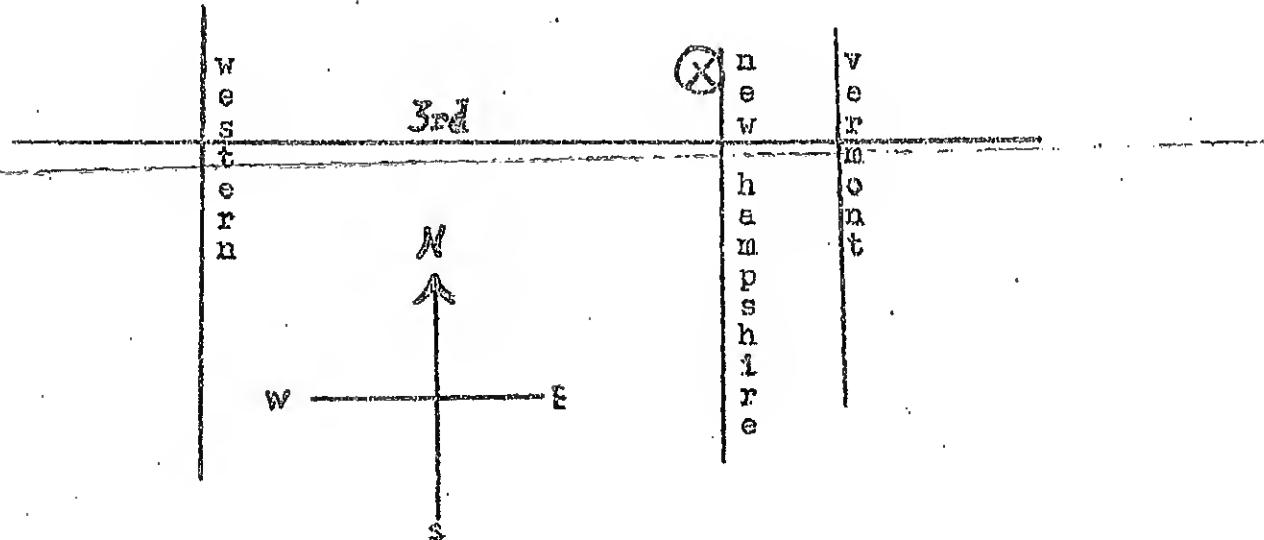
17 m o n 6:30 p m DINNER MEETING at Rands Round Up, 84th & Figueroa.
SPEAKER: Dr. T. E. Bessent of the Metropolitan Hospital will speak on the operation of the Emotional Security Program at Atascadero. Dr. Bessent is one of the persons responsible for the inception of the program.

18 w e d 8:00 p m BUSINESS MEETING at 826 South Fedora. Members are requested to attend for special election.

19 t h u 6:30 p m DISCUSSION GROUP at Clubroom in Berwyn Apts, 1237 South Alvarado St. (near Pico) Pot Luck Dinner before discussion. (donation \$1.50)

23 w e d 8:00 p m WORK NIGHT in Hayloft, 826 South Fedora. Attendance is requested of members and friends.

27 s u n 11:00 a m (until 1:00 p m) BRUNCH at 241 South New Hampshire Ave. (upstairs on the right)



bob bishop reports

Our topic for the discussion meeting of February 20th was to be ~~social aspects~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~club~~ a continuation of last month's subject—"Similarities and Differences ~~among~~ ~~between~~ ~~our~~ ~~club~~ of Male and Female Homosexuals." However the ~~British~~ ~~obstetric~~ ~~group~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~club~~ opening the meeting, suggested that the topic be narrowed down to ~~our~~ ~~club~~ a particular phase of relationship between the ~~two~~ ~~groups~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~club~~ ~~homosexuals~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~topic~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~on~~ ~~February~~ ~~20th~~ ~~1967~~ ~~was~~ ~~"Social Aspects of Male and Female Homosexuality."~~

It is the aim of Mattachine to draw within its fold the many fine homosexuals who see the absolute necessity of joining together and working in a common effort to gain a place in society. With the AMMATTAM end the initial views offered by the participants stressed the need to come of ways to make this a reality. The girls felt that female AMMATTAM members were generally too preoccupied with their homes to work and the male organizers end they seemed to feel that men were needed to produce a balanced effect.

Aside from the added strength of working together for a common cause, it was expressed that men and women could gain personal advantages and closer social contact. Several persons spoke of difficulties and legal involvements which occurred where they worked. Their fellow workers often spoke of their own social activities-- their loves and friendships with people of the opposite sex. After so much time had elapsed, the homosexual either ran out of fabrications or remained silent. He was considered "queer" or at least odd to be more charitable. In respect to the female homosexual in this situation, especially if she were feminine in appearance, one girl said that an unmarried woman would likely be considered a prostitute.

A remedy to this was seen in combined social activity. Many possibilities were explored and discussed further. The girls told of night clubs and dance halls from which unescorted ladies were buying entertainment that many of them would like. Dating for these purposes would bring about greater integration, but it was also mentioned that men and women should not "use each other for convenience" in respect but should try to develop lasting and rewarding platonic friendships. To some, this may seem like a continuation of ~~weakness~~ the mask but this would be untrue if relationships were really based on mutual respect and friendship. In the long run, this could provide the identification and more strength which will inevitably lead to exposure without feelings of inferiority. Concrete steps to bring about these hopes were formulated but some tentative suggestions were made, one of these being that The Daughters of Bilitis form a chapter in Los Angeles Area to facilitate this inter-relationship.

One of the young women present offered her views with a delightful combination of seriousness and wit. She spoke of one aspect of the stereotyped picture which many people have of homosexuality. "They (homosexuals) are exceptional in their taste and abilities--in fact, they are too exceptional to live!" This young woman also told of her experiences in noting how the law is lenient in some cases of public disturbance, where they would be bised if the same disturbance were caused by a group of homosexuals. Specifically, she spoke of well known organization which has periodic meetings near her home. At these affairs, there is much drinking, shouting and cursing--the law looks the other way. She also spoke of the pressures brought down upon homosexuals in Laguna Beach, Calif. by the law. This seaside resort receives a good part of its income from homosexuals.

Homosexual reports (continued)

The latest purveyor of garbage was called to the attention of the group. "REVEALED", a magazine which has just started publication was shown around. It contained an article, "Are Homosexuals a Hidden Menace?" Portions were read aloud. This confused and uninformed author provided the group with much hilarity and some education because of some of the outright falsehoods printed. Below are a few selected parts:

They have organized a semi-secret, almost masonic order, called THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY. It has chapters through-out the country--
most of them half in the open, especially in the big cities; others
secretly underground, in small communities where a homosexual still
attracts far greater attention, and bumps into more violent resis-
tance, than in the sophisticated, cosmopolitan areas.

How bold they have become in flaunting their "oneness", as they call
it, is shown by the fact that homosexuals are now publishing their
own guides in which they list their various organizations and pub-
lications. Anybody interested in becoming a "homo-joiner" can
obtain a copy of the guide for only \$3. and learn from it all the
places to which he can take his perverted passion, with mutual
satisfaction guaranteed.

There are today more than twenty organizations and publications
for homosexuals, with thousands of members and subscribers."

A little further down in this article we come to this gem of
information:

The leader of a group of homosexuals is called "Queen", while an
older deviate is referred to as "mother".

Now membership contest

Contest period: April 1st, 1958 to June 1st, 1958.

Prizes: 1st prize most points 6 mystery stories
2nd prize next highest 3 mystery stories
An additional prize of one mystery story will be
given for each two points a member is credited with.
Your own membership or renewal counts.

Points: Each male counts one point.
Each female counts two points.

The prizes are donated by members and friends.

Preamble of the mattachine society

"That all mankind may live without fear and prejudice regardless
of their sexual orientation; that all may respect the integrity
of the individual; that all may become cognizant of themselves,
their place as an integral part of their community, and be provided
with the means of social adjustment; that all may live, act and
work together in the spirit of brotherhood, equality, mutual
understanding and self-respect."

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This organization was founded in 1950 and stated that its purpose was for public interests of providing true and accurate information toward the solution of problems of human sex behavior particularly those of the homosexual adult. They publish the Mattachine Review Magazine monthly which informs its readers of the educational program of the society. The staff of the Mattachine Review consists of:

Director and Editor, Hal Call.

Business Manager, D. Stewart Lucas

Production Director, Henry Foster, Jr.

Editorial Board, Richard Mayer, Consalo Segura, Jr., Carl B. Harding.

The national headquarters is located at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California. Phone Sa Ex 7-0773.

Branch Offices Locations:

Chicago Chapter, No address

Denver Chapter, P.O. Box 7035, Capitol Hill Station, Denver 6, Colorado Phone El 5-3438.

Los Angeles Area Council, P.O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, California Phone Normandy 3-2616.

New York Area Council, 1183 Ave. of the Americas, 4th Floor, New York 36, New York. Phone 01 5-1868.

San Francisco Area Council, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, Calif. Phone Ex 7-0773.

Activity in the Los Angeles Area:

Attorney, Herbert E. Selwyn has continued to be the MATTACHINE SOCIETY Attorney. He has made a number of talks at the regular Los Angeles area dinner meetings. Mr. Selwyn is also well known in this area for his left wing support.

Dr. Evelyn Hooker of the University of California at Los Angeles has been the guest speaker for the past year at a number of the MATTACHINE meetings. Dr. Hooker is making a detail study of the American male homosexual. It is reported that the California population of homophilic population is around 200,000. The society has continued to hold their dinner meetings at Randa Roundup, 7580 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. On December 2, 1957 the NATIONAL SOCIETY CHAIRMAN was guest speaker at the MATTACHINE SOCIETY DINNER in November. The ESS was started 2 years ago by ex-patients of Atascadero and is operated on

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much the same lines as Alcoholics Anonymous. The program is largely one of three habitations and has the sponsorship of the doctors at the institution. Patients are detained at Atascadero for a variety of offenses. A large percentage of these being for child molestation and for public homosexuality acts or solicitation for peeping, for exhibitionism, for rape and so forth. Homosexuals comprised of about 10% of the patients at Atascadero. The EMS serves as a go between of Atascadero and society. It is not known at this time the names of the EMS officers.

The Los Angeles MATTACHINE News letter of November 1957 praised the American Civil Liberties Union for its battle in San Francisco to stop "Police censorship of books." The MATTACHINE Society has been trying to urge women to attend their meetings for the past year. Del Martin, DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS, INC., 693 Mission St., Room 308, San Francisco 5, Calif., wrote the following letter to the MATTACHINE REVIEW and it was published in the August 1957 issue.

THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS was founded in September 1955 by a group of 8 women in San Francisco as a social club. Other than rumors which later proved to be untrue, these 8 charter members knew nothing about either the MATTACHINE or One Incorporated. As the DOB program developed however, we made it a point to check into each of these organizations. The reception we received by these two groups was "Well, its about time - Welcome to the fold." Prior to the incidence of the DAUGHTERS only a few women had actively participated in the activities of either organization. Secondly it should be noted that the DAUGHTERS discussed among themselves and with the members of the MATTACHINE SOCIETY the possibility of dissolving the womens group and joining MATTACHINE or starting a Womens Auxiliary Chapter at San Francisco. The conclusion on the part of both groups was that more women would be reached, more women would be likely to take an active part in the movement for understanding and acceptance of the homophil through an exclusively womens organization.

Why? Because until very recently only in the last six months have the women turned out in any great number and that great number is small. For the lesbian is an elusive creature - she is not easily detected. Current day mode of wearing apparel and hair styling being what it is, she has least of a problem with law enforcement agencies since she is less promiscuous and less apt to rely on "gay bars" for her contacts, and by the very nature of her being a women she is more interested in her home and in building one. Yet she does not have a need for contact with her own kind, and opportunity to let her down and relax the barriers. She is more apt, we have learned to do just that with a lesbian group.

For thirdly, there is another problem involved acceptance not only of the homophil by himself and society but acceptance of each other (male and female). So many of the males are not comfortable around women (even lesbians) and visa versa.

This is a problem which both the MATTACHINE SOCIETY and THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS face and which we hope we in San Francisco are working together to overcome. It is a process of gradual exposure and education

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through mutual social functions and panel discussions keyed to enlighten both groups about the other facet and to bring recognition to our community of interests and aims.

We believe that there is a definite need of and function for a group such as the DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS. And what's more so do those I have talked to in both the MATTACHINE and One Incorporated but one last word. While we are a separate and independent organization our rapid growth would not have been possible without the cooperation and help of the MATTACHINE SOCIETY. Working together and sharing facilities has enabled us to mold the latter into a magazine rather than our original news letter and to have an office and telephone. The letter was signed Del Martin DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS INCORP.

The Los Angeles area council held their October 1957 discussion group meeting with the topic under discussion "Male Prostitution --Social Menace or Social Necessity." The group was very responsive and gave information regarding the male prostitute. The various participants made several distinctions of the homosexual acts which are often regarded as prostitution. The "hustler" was described as an individual who may be hetero or bisexual and whose motive purely momentary -- he can be observed prowling about in public areas. He is often strong and likes to wear tight clothes to reveal his physical conformation. The true male prostitute is the homosexual who sells his body for a price and this is usually made clear in advance. Below him is the unsavory character who hovers on the margin of blackmail -- he will solicit strangers in the manner of a "pickup" and when the time of parting arrives he will suggest in an obliquely frettering manner, that he be given money. The "dirt" is in the lowest category he is the person that pretends to be homosexual for one reason -- blackmail.

Unfortunately the homophilic group of society is judged by the obvious element the flagrant and anti-social individuals who are justifiably apprehended for making public nuisances of themselves. The most respectable homosexuals never "cruise" and refrain from soliciting strangers on the street -- they are in the majority. To judge all homosexuals by the prostituting group is like condemning all mankind because of the activities of this small minority which engages in the heterosexual prostitution, pimping and dope addiction.

A top point of the discussion was whether the MATTACHINE should officially condone or condemn the male prostitution. The response was provocative in as much as a consensus was not reached. Some thought the society should accept this aspect of homosexuality and others considered it more circumspect to condemn it. Several members felt that at the present time, the MATTACHINE remain in a neutral position neither condemning or condoning male prostitution. It was brought to life that in some hotels in the western world, when business drops, attractive young bellhops are hired to encourage greater occupancy. Also discussed was the open way in which houses of male prostitution were operated in Berlin between two great wars -- some of these had blazing electric lights. Heterosexual prostitution, in particular has been legalized and regulated in many countries abroad and is expressed that this is a far wiser policy than exists in our country for where prostitution is driven underground and regulation by health authorities is made almost impossible. Although prostitution is against the law it has never

been stamped out. One participant told of a red light district in Shreveport, La. which was closed by the police, in a short period of time the operators of these houses infiltrated the better district of the city. This indicated that nothing was accomplished by the action of the police. In the Anglo-Saxon world sex has been approximated with all that is base and evil and this attitude has found its way into the marriage union. As recently as few generation ago a pregnant woman was ashamed to be seen in public and to this day special clothes are designed for the bearing women, to conceal her condition in the best possible manner. Many ageing or unattractive homosexuals are unable to make friends on a mutual bases and the only remaining outlet for them is the male prostitute. This ended the discussion and Bob Bishop wrote the above summary for the MATTACHINE News letter December 1957 issue.

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Los Angeles Area Council

Events for this month:

May 14 Wed. 8:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING at 826 S. Fedora St. Refreshments will be served.

May 22 Thur. 8:00 PM FILMS-FUN-REFRESHMENTS will replace our usual Discussion Group this month. Come and bring a friend to see films on Japan, the dance, and ice-skating. At Berwyn Apts., 1237 S. Alvarado St.

May 25 Sun. 11:00 AM BRUNCH. Strictly social (until 1:00) at 1560 Rolling Hills Drive, Monterey Park. See map below.

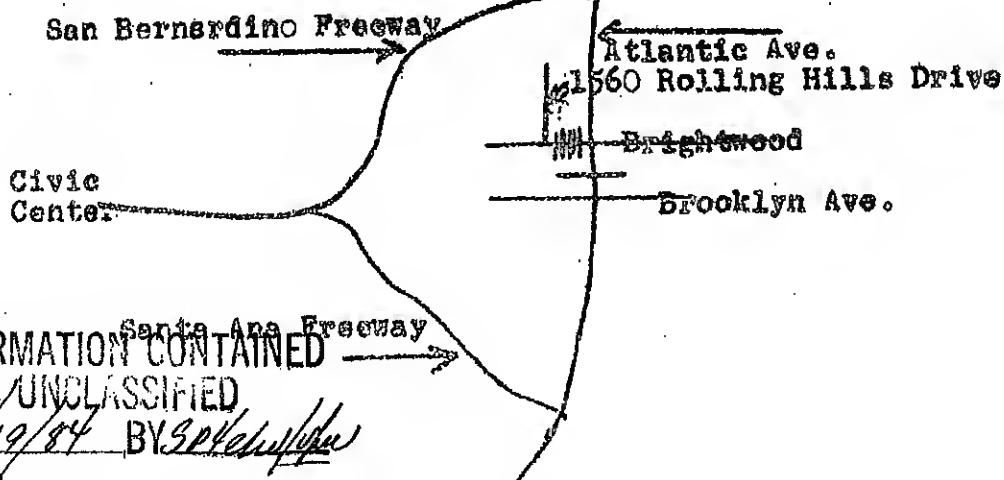
May 28 Wed. 8:00 PM WORK NIGHT in "The Hayloft" at 826 S. Fedora Street.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

This month, One, Incorporated is having a visitor from Europe. He is the editor of the English section of DER KREIS, a Swiss publication, the oldest homophile magazine in the world. Members of Mattachine are urged to attend as many as possible of these important and informative meetings.

MAY 6 TUES. 8-10 PM Introduction to Homophile Studies: Philosophy for the Homophile; plus discussion of European attitudes toward the "homosexual ghetto", cure, male and female cooperation, organizational goals, etc. Room 330, 233 S. Broadway.

MAY 8 THURS. 8-10 PM HOMOPHILE HISTORY: The homosexual in South and Central America; plus discussion of the career of Magnus Hirschfield, present day freedoms and restrictions in Europe, the current situation in England. Room 330, 233 S. Broadway.



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WHAT THE HOMOSEXUAL SHOULD TELL HIS FAMILY

A small but lively group (including two new faces) braved a rainstorm on March 30th to take part in a discussion that that hardy perennial, yet always pertinent topic, "What the Homosexual Should Tell His Family." It proved to be one of the most interesting discussions the Society has sponsored, probably because the subject was concrete and important enough - (what homosexual has not faced this problem?) to tap the personal experiences of the participants. Homosexuals are naturally fascinated by accounts of how others met situations that constantly impinge upon their own lives. Through these accounts, too, we all got a greater insight into each other as individuals, not merely as persons banded together because of one common trait.

The question placed before the group implied that the homosexual should tell his family about himself, though not everyone accepted this premise. It was generally agreed that such a confession entailed obvious benefits and risks. Among the possible benefits are:

- (1) The satisfaction of one's innate desire to be honest with his loved ones as well as himself, and to rid himself of guilt feelings produced by the necessity of lying to others in order to be true to oneself.
- (2) The lessening of the usually pressure to "go out with the girls" or to "get married".
- (3) The moral support and comfort that understanding parents can offer.
- (4) The cushioning of parental shock that would come if they should, without warning, discover the truth from somewhere or someone else and under the worst possible circumstances (e.g., police action).

Among the risks are:

- (1) The danger of inflicting shock and pain on loved ones whose background and training may not equip them to understand the significance of the confession or, in any event, to do anything about it if they do understand. (The thinking homosexual will realize that each parent is, in turn, the "victim" of his parents, and he may hesitate to confess out of fear of imposing on parents' guilt feelings which will accomplish nothing).
- (2) The possibility of disastrous consequences (divorce or even commitment to an institution) initiated by a hostile or stereotyped-thinking parent.
- (3) The frustration caused by parents reacting with love but without real comprehension of the condition and its effect on a homosexual's life.

If one accepts the proposition that, ideally, the homosexual should tell his parents, the question remains what and how. It was readily ascertained, as one might have expected, that no single, panacea formula could ever fit every situation, parent, or child. The answer depends largely on the parent-offspring relationship; the parents' knowledge of and attitude toward homosexuality; the willingness of the son or daughter to accept the consequences of a confession; and the particular circumstances which might make it necessary or desirable that the parent be told.

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Members of the group had, in one way or another, informed their parents what they had done so. One member, looked upon as a girl by his mother since childhood, wrote her a letter telling her of his love for a man; his trust was rewarded by an understanding mother, who honestly admitted that she could not blame him for becoming, in effect, what she had made him.

What the homosexual should tell his family.

Another hogher told his mother on the very day he entered his wife (a day, fortunately, that comes once in a lifetime). A participant was asked by his mother whether he slept in the bed with his roommate; he said yes, and that was that. One of the least painful methods of revelation, thanks to a sensitive parent.

Though the circumstances and the content of no confession was, or can be, exactly alike, certain conclusions emerged from discussion:

- (1) The parent should be told no more than he needs to be able to understand. Detailed clinical explanations of homosexual acts should be avoided (some matters are private, even among homosexuals).
- (2) Parents know more about their children than they usually reveal; if some parents are naive about sex, many others are more observant about sex than we may think, though they may avoid the subject because they do not know how to bring it up any more than their offspring may.
- (3) Males tend to confide in their mothers, while females tend to their fathers. One reason for this may be that the male wants his mother to know what it feels like to love a man, and they think her father would better understand love for a woman.
- (4) After a confession, the subject is generally avoided by parents and offspring: nothing, apparently, is more futile and embarrassing than taking verbal excursions down dead-end paths.
- (5) Homosexuals now reaching maturity will probably find it easier to tell their parents because the latter are becoming better informed on sex and the mysteries of the psyche than our parents were. Someday, perhaps, mothers and fathers as a society as a whole -- will be so educated that the homosexual will have to explain or apologize to know one.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our NEWSLETTERS have been poorly reproduced with much effort involved due to the poor machine we are forced to use. Some members have offered to our assistance with donations toward a new machine but we still need help. CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP? Will you please send in what you can to the HOMOSEXUAL SOCIETY, PO Box 1925, LOS ANGELES 63, CALIF. Every dollar will help. We want to serve you better with a NEWSLETTER you can be proud of -- and that can be creditable.

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BRING IN THAT NEW MEMBER OR RENEWALS The second contest ends June 30th. Prizes galore! How about it? Bring your friends to the meetings, tell them about us.

From
Tom Cavit
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August 1956 "OPEN FORUM" p. 2 col 4-5: Receives award in ~~ACLU~~ membership campaign.

10/16/57 Mirror News: Howard Russell, ACLU official will speak "For Integration" at a public debate on "Integration" to be held Monday, 7:45 p.m. at the Henry George School of Social Science, 577 North Vermont Ave. L.A. Col. Wm. P. Gale, State Chairman of the Constitution Party will speak "For State Rights".

January and February, 1955 "MATTACHINE REVIEW" - page 3, col. 1. "Vag-Lewd" - A criticism of the California Statute by Attorney Henry Silver.

page 16: Thirty interviews from female homosexuals taken by Dr. Vida Summers and her two assistants, Howard Russell and Mrs. Virginia Armond.

January 1955 "ONE" magazine: page 44: Open Letter to Corporation members, subscribers and guests of "One, Inc." which announces a conference and business meeting of "One, Inc." to be held January 29, 1955. HOWARD RUSSELL to speak on "Looking Inside our State Hospital - The Sexual Psychopath".

RUSSELL, HOWARD J.
9426 Van Ness Ave.
L.A.

11/27/53 - Listed as reference by Don Slater, when he applied for post-office box for magazine "ONE".

Registrar of Voters: Registered 2/14/46 - "Declined to state" Student Born: California 5'5"

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12/4/43 OPEN FORUM: Conscientious Objector in USN. Efforts are being made to secure his discharge and to have him transferred to a "CO" Camp. ACLU is cooperating.

May 1958 OPEN FORUM, p. 3: Photo: L.A. School Teacher (Howard Russell) signing ACLU membership form.

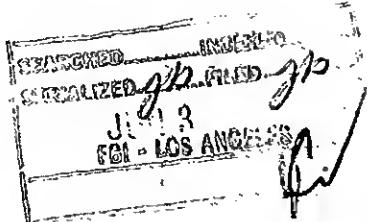
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October 1957 OPEN FORUM" p. 2 col 1-3: Party will be held Nov. 1st at their home, 3680 Fairway Blvd. (Phone: AX 3-3556), for Culver-Westchester Chapter Study group-ACLU.

Note: Whether or not Howard Russell and Howard J. Russell are one and the same is not known by the writer at this time.

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THE MATTACHINE BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER

Los Angeles Area Council

Events for this month:

June 2 Mon. 7:00 PM DINNER at the Berwyn Apartments, 1437 Alvarado-near Pico. SAN JUAN, the speaker, will speak on SIX FORM BEINGS (the Vag-lewi statute). Dinner starts at 7:00 PM. If you can't make it for dinner, the meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

June 11 Wed. 8:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING. Members only. Dress: Fedora.

June 13 Fri. 8:00 PM WORK NIGHT at the Hayloft, 226 S. 1st St. Come and help us get our work done, and get better acquainted with our members.

June 19 Thur. 8:00 PM DISCUSSION GROUP. The public is invited. At the Berwyn Apartments, 1437 Alvarado-near Pico. The topic-DIS-ABILITIES INTEGRATION.

June 28 Sat. 5:00 PM PICNIC at Sycamore Park on 1st St. Section 2 (TWO) is being reserved for us. Bring your own food. Liquid refreshments (coffee-cold drinks) will be provided, and there are fireplaces for grilling steaks, hamburgers, hot-dogs, or what you will. TAKE the Pasadena Freeway and leave at Ave.43 or Ave.52. The park lies along Figueroa midway between these two streets. For those not having cars, the bus #25 bus on North Figueroa will deliver you to the picnic area. Remember, a large crowd is insurance of a good time.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our newsletters have been poorly reproduced so much labor involved due to the poor machine we are forced to use. Some members have come to our newsletter with donations of their machines, but we still need more. DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER? If you please send what you can to the North End Studio, 1000 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles 33, Calif. We want to thank you with a newsletter that can be easily read, and that you can be proud of.

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what price membership?

A question which is often asked of the people in the Mattachine Society is "How many members do you have in your organization?" The answer is very few. Probably no organization ever has enough.

It is true that the number of members is important. In the first place, they are the chief source of income. Every organization knows that it takes money to provide a strong program of action and information. In the case of the Mattachine Society, this must necessarily be a long-term program. And, more than money, quality of membership will determine its achievements.

No one would deny that the aims and objectives of the Mattachine Society are subject to very sensitive factors -- which are, for the most part, uncontrollable, by the organization itself.

The fears that people have of being associated with an organization concerned with the homophile and his problems are not easily overcome. Many believe this could result in loss of jobs, being labelled as a homosexual, or the acquisition of a distasteful social stigma.

Often, too, a defeatist attitude is displayed. Some believe that any organization is bad, and that any dealing with homosexuality is doomed from the beginning. Nothing can be accomplished to improve the status of individuals within the community, so why try?

Perhaps we should be honest with ourselves. Only by proclaiming the truth can we hope to overcome the burden of living two lives at the same time. It might be a more positive approach to set to accomplish our ideals for the betterment of all persons.

Compared to the goals set by the Society, membership is alarmingly small.

In reality, however, this small membership makes our job easier. We are not retarded by persons without the missionary zeal to undertake tasks that lie ahead. The members we have are secure, devoted individuals, willing to spend their time and energy on behalf of the society. It's a role played without glory; faith in future accomplishment is the only reward.

Because of this, membership in the Mattachine Society must necessarily be reserved only for those unselfish few who are dedicated to improving the welfare of the community in which they live. -- K.B.

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events for this month

Aug. 6 Wed. 8:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING: At 826 S. Fedora St. Members requested to attend to discuss forthcoming Convention. Refreshments will be served.

Aug. 13, Wed. 8:00 P.M. DISCUSSION GROUP: The public is invited. At the Berwyn Apartments, 1237 S. Alvarado near El Segundo. W. Dorr Legg, Director of One Institute will speak on "SOME FAMOUS FRENCH QUEENS" Refreshments will be served.

Any member who intends to be going to the National Convention in New York City, the Labor Day Weekend, should attend the BUSINESS MEETING or contact the MATTACHINE SOCIETY at NOrmandie 3-2616.

I M P O R T A N T

Postal rates are going up the 1st of August. If you still wish your newsletter to be sent First Class Mail please send \$1.00 to cover the additional cost. Otherwise, it will be sent to you Second Class Mail, in other words, unsealed.

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18 weeks, September 8 - January 23

HS-100 Introduction to Homophile Studies. What is homosexuality? How does it fit into the scheme of things? Some common fallacies exposed; the facts analyzed; a critical examination of what the following fields teach and believe about homosexuality: biology, anthropology, sociology, psychology and comparative religion. Continued in Spring semester. Tuesdays, 8 - 10 P.M. Tuition \$15.00, for the semester.

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AUGUST DISCUSSION MEETING

A retrospective peek through the key-hole, at some "Historical French Queens" proved a too-tilting prospect for the members and many friends of the Mattachine Society in Los Angeles and brought out a record attendance to hear Wm Dorr Legg expound eruditely and wittily on the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. It was perhaps not new to some that not all of the royalty discussed were wives of reigning kings, although the legally enthroned female non-arcs contributed their share to the wealth of anecdotes which must have been mined only after considerable research.

Guest of honor for the evening was a friend visiting Los Angeles from France, who was able to bolster many of Dorr's stories with additional facts. Our thanks to both for a most fascinating and amusing evening, and, since the speaker intimated that this was only one facet of a much broader study, he suggested enrolment at the One Institute of Homophile Studies.

From the Mirror-News, Oct. 7, 1958.

Dear Abby: I read in your column where a man who signed himself "Lonesome Al" was looking for a companion for week-end trips, hunting, fishing, movies or an occasional evening. He said he was not interested in marriage. I think he and I have a lot in common as I am also lonesome and am not interested in marriage. Could you please send me his address? George.

Dear George: Sorry. . . I do not find ladies for gentlemen, gentlemen for ladies, or gentlemen for gentlemen.

AN EDITORIAL

IMPRESSIONS OF A NEWCOMER

When first one learns of the Mattachine Society, it seems almost revelatory. Here, at last, is a group of responsible people who are not afraid of the truth, nor are they afraid to announce it. My adolescent idealism built an image of shining heroes, spreading light and liberation. A greater exposure to the realities soon brought down that particular card-castle.

But because of it, I did grow. From then was born in me a hope, a realization of unity. How many hours were spent beyond fear, anticipating a seemingly possible future. Finally, in spite of trepidation and a fearful sense of inadequacy, I dared to beard the lion. I attended a meeting.

I had awakened from my dreams (I thought). I looked for no aurooled saints, no redemptory martyrs, no knightly crusaders. I felt I had few illusions among my expectations. Even so, I was totally unprepared for what I did find. A handful of people wondering where everyone else was. I wondered too. I began to look about and inquire.

From many mouths I heard, "Mattachine is dead. Anyone who attends a meeting is only sitting with the corpse." From some there may be reasons why this should be so; they are not readily apparent to this writer. It would seem more that it is something within the membership which has died. How can anyone who believes the Society dead fail to ask himself if he has not helped to kill it? Another refrain I have heard, "Mattachine is futile, it hasn't accomplished a thing." This is patently untrue. Even leaving unconsidered many particular instances, the Society is an accomplishment by its very existence in the face of crude social prejudice. For many it has become a major focal point of courage and hope, a hope of someday being

allowed to be people rather than perverts. To damn this hope through mere callous indifference is a shameful thing upon all who would allow it.

It is inconceivable that any homosexual could fail to see the need for continuance of this effort. What then? Let George do it? Are you so sure that YOU are NOT George? This impression can be burned up in a few bitter words. The Los Angeles Area Council has become the weakest link in the organization and is a disappointment to those who were beginning to believe in it. It has, by defeatism, become a negation of the homosexual search for self respect and social acceptance.

Think of the sneers the next time you cast aspersions upon the Society, then live with yourself as best you can--if you can.

I M P O R T A N T

Effective next month, if you have not sent in your dollar to offset the increase of postal rates, you shall be receiving your newsletter second class mail. If you do not wish this to be the case, be sure and get your money in before then.

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 1958

LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

OCT. 23 Thurs. 8:00 P.M. DISCUSSION GROUP. "NEWS REVIEWS and COMMENTARIES." At the Berwyn Apartments, 1237 So. Alvarado. Refreshments.

OCT. 26 Sun. 11:00 A.M. CAR CARAVAN and COOK OUT in the Angeles National Forest Starting point at 826 Fedora St. Bring your own steak or meat of your choice for char-broiling. The Society will furnish coffee (Lumber-Jack Style) and Charcoal. In case you don't have a car, Telephone DUnkirk 4-5551.

NOV. 3 Mon. 8:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING. 826 Fedora St. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments.

NOV. 10 Mon. 8:00 P.M. WORK NIGHT. Bay-Loft. 826 Fedora Street.

NOV. 21 Fri. 8:00 P.M. DISCUSSION GROUP at Berwyn Apts.; 1237 So Alvarado. A well known dance personality will show some of his candid shots of Ruth St. Dennis and the Katherine Dunham Dance Group. Refreshments.

NOV. 30 Sun. 11:00 A.M. BRUNCH - The first for the coming winter season. 2302 West 11th St. Please use side entrance on Grandview.

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RE: MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

ONI Agent [redacted] Corpus Christi, Texas, furnished
the following information to SA [redacted] on 11/14/58.

The captioned society was founded and incorporated in California on 6/7/52 as a secret society with headquarters in Los Angeles. The society is an organization composed mainly of sex deviates and homosexuals. On 5/11/53 the secrecy was dropped and the organization came out into the open. Since then the organization has published a bi-monthly magazine entitled "Mattachine Review" which is distributed from San Francisco, California. According to [redacted] chapters have been formed in Chicago, New York, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

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[redacted] further informed that about 60% of the officers of the chapters are known homosexuals and individuals who have allegedly participated in Communist Party "front groups." [redacted] informed the organization possesses what is known as "Area Councils" at the following places:

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1 - Chicago (AM)	1 - San Antonio (AM)
1 - Cleveland (AM)	1 - Dallas (AM)
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In addition, the society has what is known as "Chapter Offices" at the following locations:

P. O. Box 7035, Capitol Hill Station, Denver, Colorado
P. O. Box 8815, Southeast Station, Washington, D. C.

[redacted] advised this information was passed on to him by an informant of his [redacted] and is a member of the society. This informant alleged the main mission of the organization at present is to better the situation of homosexuals. At the present time an effort is being made to bring about a decrease in the size of vice squads in local Police Departments.

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[redacted] informant also advised that [redacted] of the society in the State of Texas. He was formerly in charge of organizing lectures and publicity for the society in New York City and is presently [redacted] is reportedly engaged in organizing chapters at the present time in Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

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According to [redacted] informant, the organization at Dallas will become public within a few months. It is the desire of the society for the chapter in San Antonio to remain undercover. The chapter in Austin, Texas, is regarded as being in the planning stage.

The Houston indices contain a photostatic copy of a document entitled "Mattachine Society Today.....An Information Digest." This digest was dated in 1954.

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[redacted] considers his informant to be reliable.

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OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Copies of this airtel are being designated to all interested offices for their observation and conclusion.

This matter will continue to be followed closely with ONI Agent [redacted] and any data made available by him in the future will be immediately reported to any and all interested offices.

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LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL

January 1959



JANUARY CALANDAR

Thursday
January 8
8:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING at 1560 Rolling Hills Dr. Monterey Park. All members are urged to attend. If you need transportation, phone ANgeles 3-3205. Refreshments.

Monday
January 12
8:00 p.m. WORK NIGHT at 2340 W. Riverside Drive, near Fletcher & Riverside Drive. We will print envelopes and work on the February Newsletter.

Sunday
January 18
11:00 a.m. BRUNCH at 3456 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood. All you can eat \$1. donation. Come and meet new friends.

Friday
January 23
8:00 p.m. DISCUSSION MEETING at Berwyn Apts. 1237 S. Alvarado St. "Shocking Stories of Nine Homosexuals against the World and what they were secretly searching for." Calvin Cottam -- Consulting Psychologist, Lecturer and Writer.

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TWO-HOUR BROADCAST EXPLORED HOMOSEXUALITY

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"Homosexuality has never been discussed on radio like this before." A two hour broadcast on the subject was aired over KPLA FM Berkeley November 24, 1958 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The program included two panel discussions recorded recently in the station studio. It featured several outstanding professional people as well as laymen who have studied the subject and who dare to face homosexuality as a pressing American problem.

The broadcast was in two parts; each about one hour in length. The first was moderated by Mrs. Thompson and approached the subject generally from the viewpoints of three panelists: Blanche M. Baker M.D., psychiatrist; Mrs. Leah Gailey, housewife, and Harold Call, editor of Mattachine Review, all of San Francisco. The second part featured another panel: Karl M. Bowman M.D., psychiatrist, who until recently was director of the Langley Porter Clinic of the University of Calif. School of Medicine, San Francisco; Frank Beach Jr., professor of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley; Morris Lawenthal, San Francisco attorney, and David Wilson, of the School of Criminology, University of California, also of Berkeley.

The first part outlined a general scope of the extent and other aspects of the homosexual phenomena found in our culture today. Viewpoints were heard from a psychiatrist who counsels many homosexual patients, from a housewife and mother exposed to the problem, and from an editor who prepares a small magazine on the subject, and participates in the educational and social service projects of the Mattachine Society for the benefit of the public and homosexuals themselves.

In the second part, Dr. Bowman discussed his recent address before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, in which he urged a modification of laws as they apply to the homosexual.

According to radio station representatives, no public broadcast on radio or television has ever plunged into the homosexual subject so thoroughly and with such outspoken candor. All participants on the program stated their viewpoints from realistic and unemotional contact with the subject and persons affected by it.

Without doubt the most authoritative statements included in the broadcast were those of Dr. Bowman. In addition to his long association with the Langley Porter Clinic, Dr. Bowman in 1955 headed a sex deviation research project for the California Legislature. He is a past president of the American Psychiatric Association, and just a few weeks ago returned to the U.S. from Thailand, where he aided the creation of a medical institution similar to the psychiatric clinic which he headed here until his retirement.

Dr. Bowman has for many years advocated the revision of sex laws along lines recommended by the American Law Institute and other leading legal, medical and research authorities. And, as has been stressed by a government committee and many church groups in England, Dr. Bowman agrees that the state should draw a line between "crime" and sin. "Take those 'sinful acts' of which society does not approve out of the criminal code," he has often said.

Dr. Baker struck a keynote in understanding homosexuality when she advocated that families and associates of homosexuals should accept persons with such orientations as people--human beings all--whose variation from the majority differ only in the choice of a love object, basically. She believes they (homosexuals) have problems enough without friends and loved ones heaping unnecessary opprobrium upon them.

In a nutshell, the broadcast pointed up the program, aims and principles of Mattachine Society, although it was not intended for the broadcast to promote these aims necessarily, since they are not exclusively original with Mattachine. Basically the entire broadcast underscored the ever growing recommendation that our sexlaws should forbid only those acts between adults and minors, acts in public, and activities which involve harm, violence and fraud. While advocating no varied sex behavior, this set of concepts simply hold that acts between consenting adults in private should be no concern of the law.

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

December - for most people is a time of excitement, parties, decorations, food and the usual plesantries of the holiday season. The current month, however, holds a double delight. It is the 19th of this month that brings the remarkable antics of Broadway's "Antie Mamo" to the screen. Here, in the utter wealth of dismissed inhibition is a Christmas delight for everyone.

The motion picture industry's frantic rush to beat the deadline for Academy Award prospects brings several interesting films to light this month, among them "I Want to Live" and "Home Before Dark." The first named, starring Susan Hayward, is the dramatic story of Barbara Graham, convicted to the gas chamber a few years ago for a heinous crime involving the torture and murder of an old woman. Later information has increased doubt of Miss Graham's guilt and this film above all other activities is a strong point backing the current fight against capital punishment. Certainly, at any rate, it is one of the strongest law films of past years. "Home Before Dark" is the tragic story of a woman's fight for mental health. It is effective in that little sensationalism is used in trying to show the frustrations involved in readjustment. Much care has been taken to discuss the problem of mental health honestly and objectively.

On Broadway one of the top shows of the season is "The World of Suzie Wong," poignant story of romance set in the sordid, violence of poverty. It quickly points out the difficulties inherent in a world too real to many. "Deathwatch" by Jean Genet received less acclaim than Suzie Wong, yet offers a message equally strong. It deals with three prisoners, one a homosexual who keeps pictures of criminal heroes under his mattress.

On the bookshelf Charles Calitri's "Strike Heaven on the Face" hits hardest at the nation's sex problems. It deals with a sex club operating full blast in a large high school. A pictorial deal for this subject was recently closed, but it is highly improbable that such forceful details will remain intact. "Maidens and Mistresses at Home at the Zoo" by Meade Roberts creates a shocking picture involving a slave, Tonic, as lover of both wife and husband, who is sick. This is

a real shocker. Selling wildly in its first printing is "An Unhurried View of Erotica," which collects much of the eroticism heretofore left out of published works. Such widespread attention can only indicate the nation's great interest in such subject matter. Ralph Ginsburg edits.

Locally, Talullah Bankhead causes a storm at Hollywood's Huntington Hartford Theatro. Her show, "Crazy October," is probably her worst, but for a collection of bawdy dialogue it can hardly be topped. Joan Blondell is delightful in a zesty role of a woman of easy virtue. Many are the lines that only Taloo could get away with. The amazing star was really in form at a late, after-theatre dinner at the Interlude Thanksgiving night. Joined with T. C. Jones, currently at that club, the place really rocked for those patrons lucky enough to be on hand.

Noted psychologist Marcel Proust is discussed at length in a biography by Richard H. Barker just out. Barker talks freely of Proust's homosexual attachments. The dramatic version of Meyer Levin's book "Compulsion," based on the famed Loeb-Leopold case will be a first production of the Player's Ring 1959 season. No cast has been announced but Alan DeWitt, the Ring's top director, has been selected to guide the controversial piece. Happy New Year from D. O.

CHRISTMAS PARTY A BIG SUCCESS

The annual Christmas Party, held at the beautiful new home of Jon and Don in Monterey Park was Saturday December 20. Everyone enjoyed himself to the fullest. Over fifty five people were in attendance. For entertainment games were played including an interesting variation of bingo. New Year's resolutions were written and read publicly (not by their authors), many of which nearly brought the house down.

Two of the boys danced to the interest and enjoyment of everyone. A good time was had by all. The children's gifts brought by everyone in attendance were distributed at the Optimist Home for Children in Highland Park.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MATTACHINE DIRECTORY

Other Mattachine offices are maintained at the following addresses all of which publish monthly newsletters at \$1 or \$1.50 per year. Address all communications to branch offices of Mattachine Society, Inc. Make checks or money orders payable to the same.

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LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL:	P. O. Box 1925, Los Angeles 53, Calif.
NEW YORK AREA COUNCIL:	1133 Broadway, Suit 409 New York 10, N.Y
SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL:	693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif.
WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA COUNCIL:	P. O. Box 8815, S.E. Station, Wash 3, D.C.

WHERE TO BUY BOOKS

In response to many inquiries received by Mattachine Society asking for sources of books, old and new, non-fiction and novels, etc., in the special interest field of our readers, the following firms are listed as specialists on the subject:

One, Inc., Book Department
232 South Hill Street
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693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Village Theater Center
116 Christopher Street
New York 14, N. Y.

Winston Book Service
250 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, L. I., New York

A postal card or letter request will bring the latest list of titles available from each of the above, and be followed by future lists of titles which these book services will feature. Please mention Mattachine when submitting your request.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I'd much rather talk of other things, Christmas parties, festivities, happy things, but -- guess what -- I'm going to talk about MONEY.

We're running nip and tuck right now without enough capital to have the range of activities and accomplish the objectives which we would like.

Progress is being made. Recently with Mattachine help a Berkeley F.M. station had a two hour long, panel discussion on the subject of homosexuality. Tapes will soon be available for local use. Of the hundreds of telephone calls the station received, all were complimentary.

Would you help us with a contribution? We certainly need it, no matter how small. With your support we can make 1959 the best year yet.

To bring our records up to date PLEASE FILL OUT QUESTION-AIRE AND MAIL it to us IN THE ENCLOSED postage paid ENVELOPE.

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Mattachine Society Still
Pushing for Change in
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"Mattachine Society Incorporated is an educational research organization, non-profit and non-partisan, founded in the public interest for the purpose of studying and seeking solution to the personal and social problems of people of homosexual and bisexual orientation." With this definition the society describes itself in a Mattachine newsletter published by the Los Angeles Area Council of that society in its January, 1959, edition.

A copy of the newsletter made available to the Los Angeles Division is devoted almost entirely to a recap of a two-hour radio broadcast on the subject of homosexuality aired over KPLA FM, Berkeley, California, on 11/24/58 from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The program included two panel discussions featuring, according to the article, several outstanding professional people as well as laymen who have studied the subject and dare to face homosexuality as a pressing, American problem.

The broadcast was in two parts. The first reflected the viewpoints of three panelists, BLANCHE M. BAUER, MD (Psychiatrist); Mrs. LEAH GAILL, a housewife, and HAROLD CALL, editor of the "Mattachine Review," all of San Francisco. This portion of the program outlined a general scope of the extent and other aspects of the homosexual phenomenon existent in today's culture.

The second portion of the program featured KARL M. BOWMAN, MD (Psychiatrist), who reportedly until recently was director of the Langley Porter Clinic of the University of California School of Medicine. In 1955 Dr. BOWMAN reportedly headed a sex deviation research project for the California Legislature and is a past President of the American Psychiatric Association. The second portion also featured FRANK BEACH, Jr., professor of Psychiatry, University of California at Berkeley; MORRIS LAUENTHAL, San Francisco attorney, and DAVID WILSON of the School of Criminology, University of California, also of Berkeley.

BOWMAN reportedly devoted much of his discussion in urging the modification of laws as pertain to the homosexual.

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For many years BOWMAN has advocated the revision of sex laws along the lines recommended by the American Law Institute and argues that the state should draw a line between crime and sins and should remove sin for actions of which society does not approve out of the criminal code.

The entire broadcast underscored the "ever growing recommendation" that sex laws should forbid only those acts between adults and minors, acts in public and activities which involve harm, violence and fraud, and that acts between consenting adults in private should be no concern of the law.

An odd radio program.

One portion of the newsletter provides readers with the following firms which are characterized as specialists in the special field supported by the Mattachine Society:

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They recommend the following firms as a source for books & novels: ONE, Inc., Book Dept., 232 S. Hill St., L.A. 12, Calif. PAN-GRAPHIC PRESS, 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, Calif. VILLAGE THEATRE CENTER, 116 Christopher St., New York 14, N.Y. WINSTON BOOK SERVICE, 250 Fullerton Ave., Hempstead, L.I., N.Y.

The NEWSLETTER listed the following events for January:

January 8, 8 PM, business meeting at 1560 Rolling Hills Dr., Monterey Park. (This is the home of DON L. PLACKMAN).

January 12, 8 PM, 2340 W. Riverside Dr., a work night, for printing of envelopes and work on the Feb. NEWSLETTER.

January 18, 11 AM, brunch, at 3456 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, all you can eat for \$1.00 (This is the home of ILONA MASSEY, PO 6-6897).

January 23, 8 PM, discussion meeting at the Berwyn Apts., 1237 S. Alvarado St., "Shocking Stories of Nine Homosexuals Against the World and What They Were Secretly Searching For," lecture will be CALVIN COTTAM, consulting psychologist & writer. (GLEN J. PETERSON lives in Apt. 1, at this add.)

A two hour broadcast on the subject of homosexuality was aired over KPLA FM Berkeley, Nov. 24, 1958, 9:30 to 11:30 PM. The broadcast was in two parts; the first part being moderated by Mrs. THOMPSON & approached the subject generally from the viewpoints of the three panelists, BLANCHE M. BROWN, M.D., Psychiatrist, Mrs. LEAH GALLEY, housewife & HAROLD CALL, editor of MATTACHINE REVIEW, all of San Francisco.

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Dr. BOWMAN has for many years advocated the revision of sex laws along lines recommended by the American Law Institute.

Tape recordings of this panel discussion will soon be made available for local use in the MATTACHINE.

December 20, 1958 the Los Angeles Area Council held their Christmas party at the home of DON L. PLAGAMAN. Over 55 people were in attendance.

TALULLAH BANKHEAD met with some of the MATTACHINE members at the INTERLUDE CLUB Thanksgiving night, this was an after theatre party after her show, "Crazy October," at Hollywood's Huntington Hartford Theatre.



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February 1 SEVENTH ANNUAL MIDWINTER INSTITUTE
Mental Health and Homosexuality
Sponsored by: ONE, Inc.;, Los Angeles
(See details and program, pp. 2&3)

Sunday
February 1
11 a.m. to
2 p.m. BRUNCH at 2340 W. Riverside Drive, Los Angeles.
Near Fletcher & Riverside Drive. All you can
eat \$1 donation. Come and meet new friends.

Wednesday
February 4
8 p.m. sharp Playing of Tape Recordings of Radio Broadcast
KPFA FM "THE HOMOSEXUAL IN OUR SOCIETY"
3456 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Studio City. (House in rear)

Wednesday
February 11
8 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING at 2302 W. 11th St. Los Angeles.
Please use side entrance on Grandview. All members
are urged to attend. Refreshments.

Tuesday
February 17
8 p.m. WORK PARTY at 2340 W. Riverside Drive, Los Angeles.
Near Fletcher & Riverside Drive. We will work on
the March Newsletter. Phone NOrmandy 4-5349 if you
need transportation.

Thursday
February 26
8 p.m. sharp 2nd Playing of Tape Recordings of Radio Broadcast
KPFA FM "THE HOMOSEXUAL IN OUR SOCIETY"
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KPFA BROADCAST REPEATED, LETTERS READ

Radio station K-P-F-A, FM, Berkeley, re-broadcast the 2 hour panel discussions on "The Homosexual in Our Society" on Monday evening, December 29, and once again favorable comment on the subject material followed. One call to the Mattachine Society office, from a listener, resulted in a \$100 donation. A number of other inquiries, including some subscriptions and visits to the office, have resulted from the initial November 24 broadcast.

On Saturday evening, December 27, Elsa Knight Thompson, of KPFA'S Public Affairs Department, who moderated the two panels, read excerpts from many letters which the station had received. Of these, only two were outright critical, she said. It has been learned that at least a half-dozen groups of Mattachine friends have listened to the programs.

BROADCAST TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE

A transcript in booklet form, has been prepared and issued by the station in cooperation with Pan-Graphic Press. Mrs. Leah Gailey, one of the panelists, typed the transcript directly from the tape. Mrs. Thompson edited, then Mrs. Gailey cut mechanical stencils for the press. Copies may be obtained from either Pan-Graphic Press, 693 Mission St., San Francisco 5, or from K-P-F-A, 2207 Shattuck Ave. Berkely 4. Cost is \$1 each.

PORNOGRAPHY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Los Angeles Daily Journal (official paper for city and county of Los Angeles) has printed a "REPORT ON PORNOGRAPHY", which is a comprehensive survey of obscene literature, cartoons, photographs, and films in Southern California.

The Report is an interesting summary of certain public attitudes concerning the question of censorship, that we thought it should be distributed in the Los Angeles Area. Copies are available at Mattachine National Office, 693 Mission St. San Francisco 5, for 25¢ each.

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR LOS ANGELES ONE INSTITUTE PROGRAM

The program for ONE'S MIDWINTER INSTITUTE appears on the following page. Mattachine members and friends from all over the country are planning to attend the entire session.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR THESE EVENTS SO ONE, Inc., MAY NOTIFY YOU OF THE LOCATIONS REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Admission Prices:	Saturday Morning & Afternoon -----	\$1.50
	Luncheon -- \$2.50	Banquet ----- \$5.00
	Sunday Afternoon Dramatic Program --	\$1.50

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OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS . . .

"The jist of New Year's Day is: Try Again" . . . Dr. Frank Crane. So again we, as countless missions of others in our struggling society, will try in 1959 to further the progress of our aims - for a better world and a richer environment for all.

Observations in local surroundings in the month past have been of fair interest, headed perhaps by the recurrence of Ken Murray's famed "Blackouts." It is doubtful the entertaining show will play another 8 years, but it is a near certainty that it will remain at Los Angeles's Ritz Theatre for several more weeks or months. Murray gets by with a great deal of ribaldry in the 1959 edition. Most of it is aimed at sex, some of it with a directly homosexual connotation. We particularly call to mind a blackout involving shapely Marie Wilson and two sailors. . . . In Pasadena "The Waltz of Toreadors" by controversial French author Jean Anouihl is deserving of note. It takes an interesting view of morality, which leaves much to be desired of the primness inherent in the morals of modern day society. Anouihl, however, is smart enough to leave any conclusions to his audience.

Robert Vaughn, so fine in the Gallery production of "End as a Man" a few years ago, has been offered a lead role in "Compulsion," when the Gallery offers this dramatic play early this year. ***Finally catching "The Defiant Ones" recently, I was more shocked by the laxity of Hollywood censors in a companion film, "In Love and War" than with the touchy subject of the earlier film. Profanity runs rampant as well as direct attention being given to sex situations. Can it be that the public is finally being treated as adults?

Due to screen soon is a new Marilyn Monroe pix, "Some Like it Hot," in which male stars Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon appear demurely clad as members of an all-girl orchestra. Sheilah Graham says they look just fine, too. Sheilah, incidentally, pulls no punches in her book which tells in detail of her noted love affair with author F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Big Saturday Review ads are out now for Dr. Albert Ellis' book, "Sex Without Guilt." Methinks the doctor may be in competition with the giant law studies of the Kinsey staff which should be out soon in a massive 5 volume work.

TV channels working overtime lately. Does anyone watch the late, late show called "Ad-lib?" Several very clever remarks have come to our attention regarding this program making it worthwhile fare for anyone's attention. Likewise Jack Paar on any show with which he is connected.

Sharp news hound Mae Craig of Portland, Maine cornered Sen. Javits of New York on a recent "Meet the Press" segment with the question of why he always stays off the subject of sex. Said he, in effect, "I'll add it just for you."

Watch for dynamic Kaye Ballard opening soon at the Interlude on the Sunset Strip. This is one of entertainment's funnest and sharpest. Ditto the amazing and marvelous T. C. Jones who just closed there.

D.O.

Congratulations D.O. for your excellent "Oblique Observations". This is one of our best NL items. You have real talent for saying just the right things to get a picture across. Mattachine Members

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ONE'S 1959 MIDWINTER INSTITUTE: Mental Health & Homosexuality
Sponsored by : ONE, Inc., Los Angeles

JANUARY 30 Friday

8:00 pm - 7th Annual Business Meeting and Informal Reception

JANUARY 31 Saturday - Fred Frisbie, Chairman

9:00 am - Registration and Display of Books

9:30 am - Progress Reports from Homophile Movement in the U.S.:
Daughters of Bilitis, Mattachine Society, ONE, Inc.

10:30 am - ONE INSTITUTE LOOKS AT MENTAL HEALTH: Roundtable group:

a. Adjustment Through Partnership

b. Creative Expression as Therapy

c. Must Christians Learn to Live With Guilt?

d. Sex Repression and Mental Health

e. Is It Healthy for Men and Women Homosexuals
to Keep Apart?

f. Is Your Body Homosexual?

12:00 ---- Luncheon: Speaker, Dr. T.M. Merritt, Dean Emeritus,
ONE INSTITUTE, "Accepting Middle Age"

2:00 pm - PANEL DISCUSSION: MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Blanche M. Baker, M.D., Ph.D., San Francisco Psychiatrist
Trent E. Bessent, Ph.D., Chief Clinical Psychologist,

Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk

Eric Julber, Los Angeles Attorney

Vita S. Sommers, Ph.D., Los Angeles Psychologist.

3:30 pm - Intermission ---

3:45 pm - Psychodrama, A Problem in Mental Health Illustrated.
Conducted by Wm. Baker, San Francisco Psychological
Counsellor.

5:00 pm - Recess

6:00 pm - Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm - ANNUAL BANQUET - Toastmaster, Don Slater.

Speaker: Dr. Mario Palmiere, Engineer and Writer
"Classical Boy Love & Modern Civilization"

FEBRUARY 1 Sunday

2:00 pm - "TEA & POETRY"

I - From the Greek Anthology & Sappho; II - Sonnets
of Michaelangelo and Shakespeare; III - Traditional
Spanish Dances, by Tony Reyes; IV - Homophile Love
Poems of today.

4:00 pm - Social Hour

5:30 pm - Final Adjournment of 1959 Sessions.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

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A good friend of mine complimented me on my "courage" in belonging to the Mattachine Society. He continued to explain that although he agreed wholeheartedly with the aims of the group, he "didn't have the guts" to have his name on the list of a "homosexual organization."

This hesitancy on the part of a good many "supporters in spirit" is not an uncommon problem for us to encounter. The chances of "discovery" because of Mattachine, however, are not nearly so great as they would be in the neighborhood "gay bar" which the same person enters without hesitancy.

A point often overlooked is that we DO have a RIGHT to exist -- a legal right and a civil right. There is nothing subversive about Mattachine, nor are we under surveillance. Your anonymity is guaranteed furthermore by both the Mattachine Constitution and the unanimous endorsement of this policy by the Los Angeles Area Council.

Read our PREAMBLE--if you believe in this--your support of us by contribution or membership will help promote our success.

"That all mankind may live without fear and prejudice regardless of their sexual orientation: That all may respect the integrity of the individual: That all may become cognizant of themselves, their place as an integral part of their community, and be provided with the means of social adjustment: That all may live, act and work together in the spirit of brotherhood, equality, mutual understanding and self-respect."

IMPORTANT

If you forgot to reply to the form in last month's Newsletter, would you please FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRE AND MAIL it in the ENCLOSED postage paid ENVELOPE. We would like to hear from everyone. This will help to bring our records up to date so we can send you the best Newsletter possible. Thanks.

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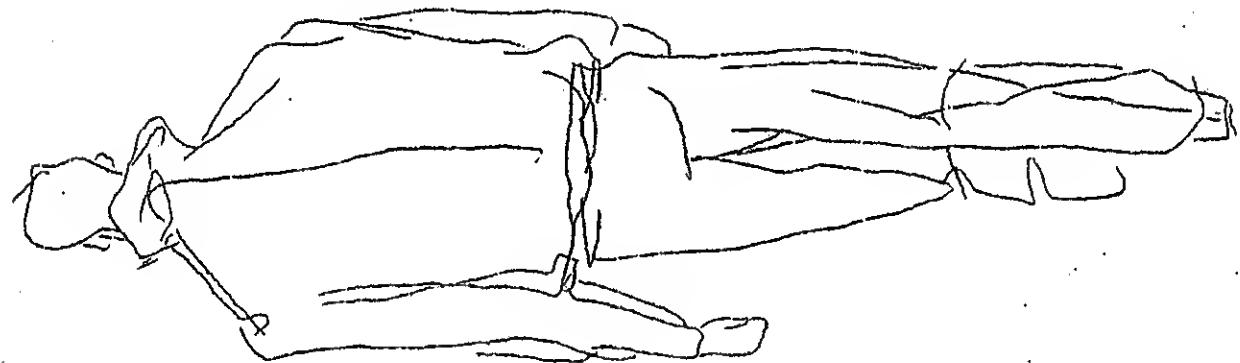
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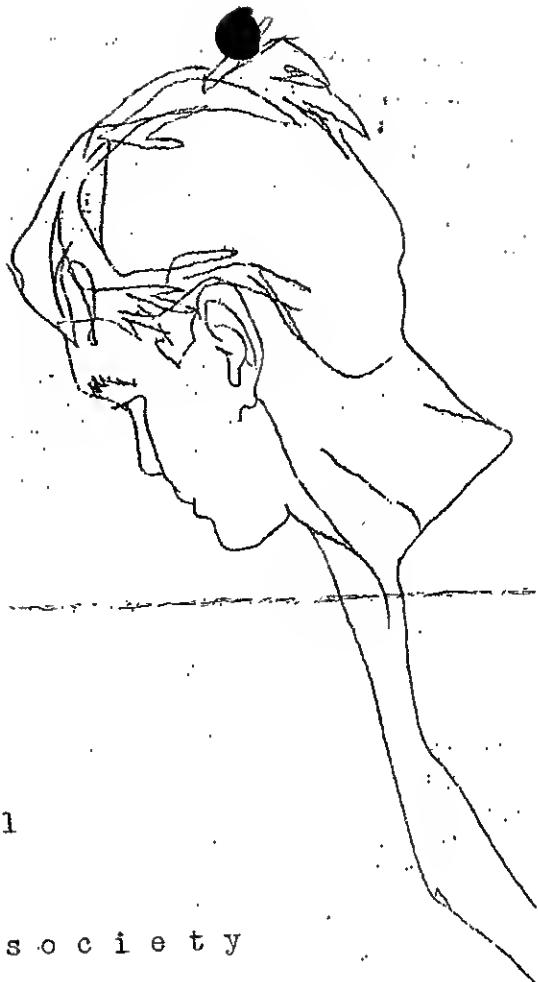
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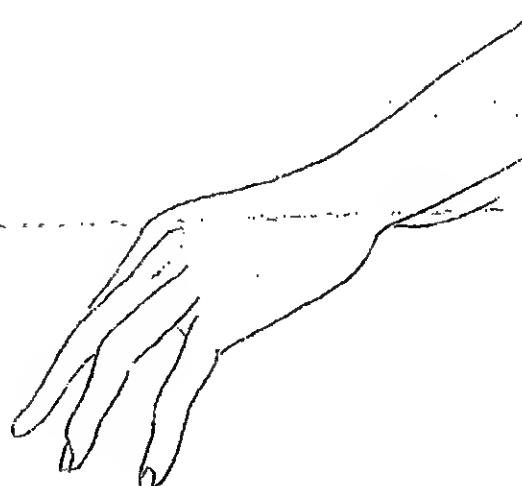
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Even in a cosmopolitan city like Los Angeles, people are still surprised to learn of the existence of Mattachine. They wonder that such an organization actually does exist. "Do you mean that there is really a group of people who are studying the problem, and helping homosexuals?" This statement of dismay is heard time and time again.

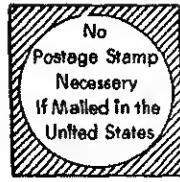
Active membership in the society is open to all adults who wish to make a real contribution toward breaking down the barriers of prejudice and uneoncern.

Every member should seek to recruit support from among his close friends and acquaintances. Speak to them now and invite them to the various functions of the society. Among officers of the society they will find hard-working, down-to-earth people.

Our Society has been engaged in a mission of service since its inception. There is still a great work to be done. But the few Dedicated officers need your help in this tremendous enterprise of upholding human values.

Wont you do your part in thisworthy cause?

Roy F. Hooper,
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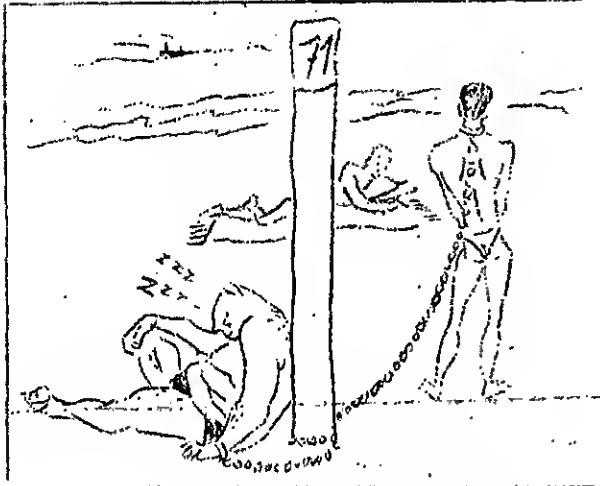
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OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

Where but in America is it possible to enter prison for a crime against the courts and emerge a national hero. For refusing to disclose the source of a news item, New York Herald Tribune columnist Marie Torre served 10 days in jail, helping to safeguard the right of freedom of the press. It is upon rights such as this one that our entire structure of free America is built. While we do not espouse disobedience of the law,

we respect Miss Torre's stand for the value it may have toward a continuance of free human rights for all citizens.----- "Snakeskin" will be the motion picture title of "Orpheus Descending" when the Tennessee Williams drama hits the screen soon. It refers to a jacket worn by the central figure and representing his entire mood throughout the play. Marlon Brando will star in the role created in New York by Cliff Robertson.----- Noticed on Walluski's Theatre marquee in Buena Park while on the way to Knott's Berry Farm (KNOTT'S BERRY FARM?) "Darn Yankees". Now, really, in this day and age of realism even on television, let's not be coy.----- When Julie Harris' new play "The Warm Peninsula" opens in other cities on its way to New York, many may be surprised by the homosexual character so openly displayed in the last act. It's done with comic intent, completely devoid of malice or scorn. Miss Harris is her usual brilliant self and, other than spotty melodramatics the show is tops. Josephine Brown, in the supporting cast, steals many a scene with a comedy role of an aging, fattenened silent screen siren.----- What's with this nymphet bit running through the comic strips lately? Dick Tracy appears to be the most flagrant offender with "Popsie," that driveling over-grown child who's only apparent interest in life is in crying over tear-dropped lollipops. I'm sure author Vladimir Nabokov hardly expected such a craze of character borrowing when he made the term nymphet so famous in "Lolita." ----- Could you believe it - Biltmore theatre programs list their head light operator as "Larry Ferry." ----- Police censor fight on magazines rags in Tennessee. Senator Estes Kefauver blasted Memphis police and challenged the right of local authorities to act as censors. ----- "An End to Fury," new novel by Edward Mannix, tells the frustrating story of a son studying to be a Priest while fighting latent homosexuality. --- James Leo Herlihy, who was responsible for the monstrous fraud called "Crazy October" which brought Tallulah Bankhead to the Huntington Hartford a few months ago, has come up with a new book which he

calls "The Long Sleep of Baby Filbertson and Other Stories." Title, of course, surrounds a central character in "Crazy October." Filled with 16 year old San Francisco prostitutes, and sick, warped minds, it is rapidly carrying Herlihy to the top. The best that success could do for this boy is head him straight for an analyst's couch.-----Radio and TV filled with tidbits this month, topped by Paul Coates return to the subject of homosexuality in a big way. Three of his TV shows approached the subject with intelligence and vision. Doctors, law enforcers and practicing homosexuals themselves were interviewed with outstanding results. It's interesting to note, in particular, the switch in Coates' attitude since the first show he devoted to the subject in 1953. Perhaps more pressure on him then?-----Ed R. Murrow shocked the radio world in January with his open discussion of business activities and sex. It stemmed a wide administration still going on, but opened eyes about the manner in which even top flight respected citizens indulge in highly immoral, lawless sex practice.-----Phil Silvers, king of comedy, obviously knows the value of drag shows--frequent appearances of his actors in comedy female garb was highlighted by his special last month in which regular performers characterized such screen sirens as Theda Bara, Mae West, Mary Pickford, Clara Bow, and Brigitte Bardot. Maruice (Doberman) Gosfield as Mae West was, particularly, a real gasser.-----Ditto effect created by Red Skelton on his funny, funny show of January 27 when Red played a cave woman to Lon Chaney's Caveman.-----Hope all of you saw the Tree Full of Tarzans spread in Life mag. on Jan. 19th.

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Washington 3, D.C.

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Sunday March 8
11:30 am

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All you can eat \$1.00

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Monday March 23
8:00 pm

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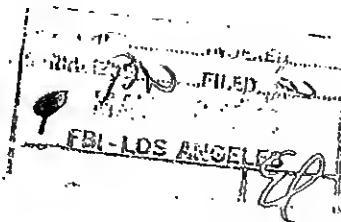


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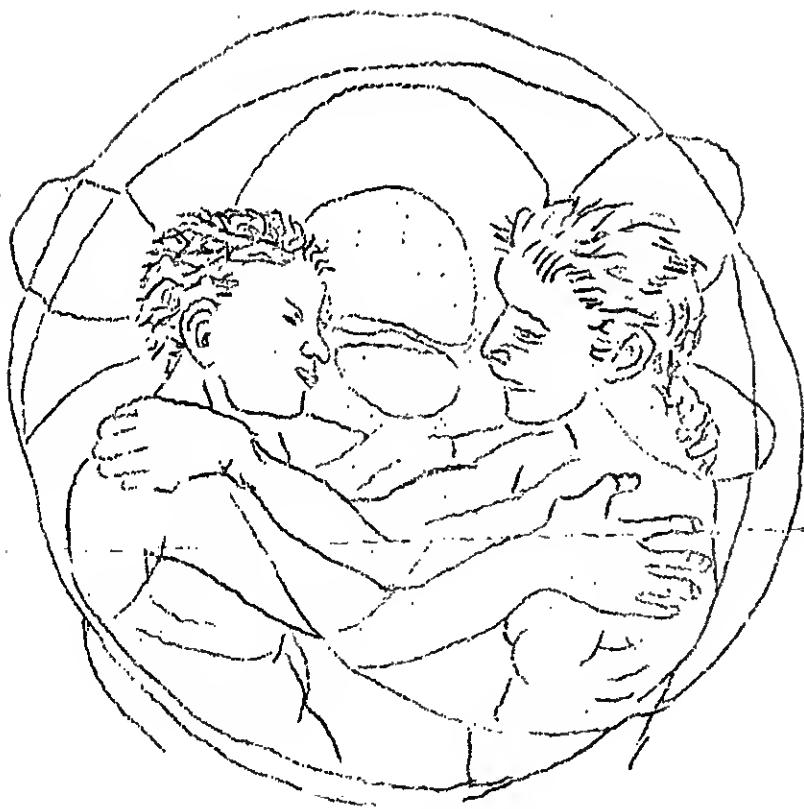
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News drifting this way from Denver bids fair to offering an exciting week-end for those planning to attend the annual Mattachine convention to be held in Denver, September 4 - 7. Plan your vacation to include these dates in order to enjoy to the fullest the magnificent scenery of Rocky Mountain National Park, historic Central City and its annual art festival, and many other attractions, including the much-heralded Rush To The Rockies Centennial, to be observed on these same dates. Come early and stay late!

The National Staff and the Denver Area Council are working now toward a convention program with challenging speakers on absorbing topics. Any suggestion anyone may have for speakers and the convention program are desired. They would also like to have suggestions for a Convention theme - something in keeping with the pioneer spirit. As we work in our cause, let us keep in mind that the social pioneers of history have paved the way to new life for the earth's millions. While we can hardly believe that in our lifetime all people will come to recognize homosexuality as neither sin, sickness, nor crime, we must think of the countless homosexuals now growing up, and of future-generation homosexuals, that they may fully enjoy their place in the sun without the shackles of fear which bind the homosexual of today.

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DRAMA - TWO OFF-BROADWAY PLAYS

Several varieties of homosexual are on display in "Many Loves" by the distinguished poet, William Carlos Williams. Even the rabbit in the pregnancy test turns out to be a "queer". There is also a lesbian on the make. And a young playwright, trying with questionable success to get rid of his rich, homosexual "patron" - but not of his money. The conversations between these two are the thread on which three plays within a play are tenuously strung. Not only are there three plays, but often they all seem to be going on at the same time. For everything is relentlessly avant garde (including the drinking fountain in the lobby, a masterpiece of unfunctional obscurantism). Since the homosexual makes all the conventional comments on avant garde writing and decor, a reviewer need not repeat them. At times the homosexual seems to be the only sane person in the house. But his sanity, Dr. Williams seems to say, is only half a loaf; a homosexual cannot be a complete man. The author's opinion of heterosexual women seems to be almost as devastating. "Many Loves" is wild and wooly and sometimes exasperating, but accepted on its own terms as a sort of high-brow vaudeville show, it is always intelligible and frequently very funny.

In "Maidens and Mistresses at Home at the Zoo", husband and wife and their Arab slave are living together cozily in a villa on the California coast. The wife, handsomely played by Leueen MacGrath, had bought the boy in Tangiers some years before, when he was only a child. Then the husband stole the boy from her, and perhaps in punishment for this or other sins, has become completely paralyzed. Now, the boy grown into athletic manhood serves them both - and many others. This short play by Meade Roberts will remind you, both in its atmosphere and in its quality, of Tennessee Williams. It evokes not evil but an evanescent beauty of languor and loss. It is, I would say, a work of art. So is Tomas Milian, who plays the Arab boy in an assortment of swimming trunks.

R. M.

(Reprinted from New York Newsletter, March, 1959)

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CALENDAR

Friday April 17 7:00 P.M. DINNER MEETING at Rand's Round-Up, 7580 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. Dinner is \$2.50. Jim Kepnor, chairman of ONE, Inc., former Mattachine member, and a member of the board of editors of ONE magazine, will be the speaker. His topic- What Kind Of World Do We Want? Jim is well known to the many readers of ONE and the MATTACHINE REVIEW for his many articles. If you haven't met him, this is your opportunity.

Monday April 20 8:00 P.M. WORK NIGHT at the "Hayloft", 826 S. Fedora. We welcome visitors who would like to be of assistance.

...I got to thinking what I wanted to do for a change, and I thought of the new place Sunday, and I thought BRUNCH at Rand's Round Up, 7680 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. Y'all you can April 26, 1958 eat for \$1.50. Brunch is served until 1:00 in our private dining room. You may stay and chat as long as you like. Third monthly Sunday is 11:00 A.M. Our brunch has proved so popular we have to move to larger quarters. Hence our first brunch at Rand's. Y'all come, heah? They're fun and strictly informal.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC. is an educational research organization, non-profit and non-partisan, founded in the public interest for the purpose of studying and seeking solution to the personal and social problems of people of homosexual or bisexual orientation.

NATIONAL OFFICE: Suite 312, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, Calif. -- Other branches are located in New York City, Washington D.C., Boston, Detroit and Los Angeles. The Mattachine Society is affiliated with the Foundation International Committee for Sexual Equality which has headquarters in Amsterdam, Holland.

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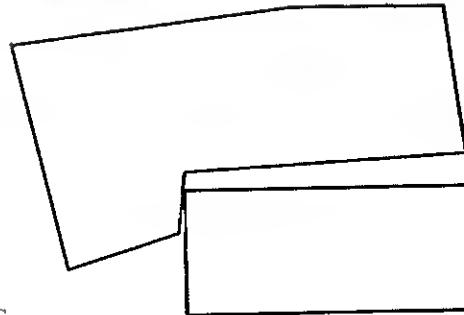
OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS.....

Good morning: Chance conversation with a visitor newly returned from employment in Arabia turned up the interesting observation that this area is considered 90% homosexual. The condition has foreign employment officers heavily investigating applications by single males. **** The Circle Theatre revival of Tennessee Williams' "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" is latest homosexual stage production of local note - and well done, too. It plays heavily toward latent homosexual theme in direct, open accusation. **** Omnibus Center Stage's "Compulsion" will have opened by the time you read this. Stars Ray Stricklyn and Donald Buka as the characters based on Loeb and Leopold and promises mighty exciting theatrics. **** March 3 Daily Variety 3-page over-lap advertising "Some Like It Hot" displayed columns of pix poses of stars Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis - in female character. We're told the two appear as such in some 3/4 of the film which co-stars strictly female Marilyn Monroe. **** Incidentally, who saw Frank Jenks as Aunt Agnes on a Col. Flack TV segment recently? Seems they're doing a lot of that of late. Can't recall a month going by when someone hasn't been in opposite sex garb. **** Late, late show returned Katie Hepburn's old pix "Sylvia Scarlett" to prominent view this month. Boyish Miss H. was cast as just that - a boy - throughout most of the show and actually made love to handsome leading man. Who was shocked with "View From The Bridge?" **** "Many Loves", new book by William Carlos Williams, depicts homosexual jealousy as expressed against a playwright with whom the homosexual has fallen in love. A critic, the refuted lover gets revenge by panning the writer's plays. Book also features lesbian note. **** Panologist Kenyon J. Scudder, in a talk before community leaders recently, stressed a need to raise the moral standards of adults in order to raise those of juveniles and combat juvenile delinquency. Let's see if we can't raise the moral standards of homosexuals so that the stress given toward their activating juvenile delinquency can be squashed. **** Sexual ambiguities noted in Robert Phelps' "Heroes and Orators" newly at bookstores, but the big play is being given to "The Sergeant" by Dennis Murphy, which book tells a dramatic story of unrecognized homosexuality. * * * * * Interesting article by Dale Warren in February 7 Saturday Review called "Dr. Kinsey and Mr. Ellis". Ellis being Havelock Ellis who was among the first to openly study the homosexual culture. His books are still widely used as reference matter on the subject. **** Coronet Theatre patrons happily greeted the news that the February 20, 1958 conviction of theatre owner Raymond Rohner was reversed last week. Rohner was convicted for showing the films "Fireworks" and "Voices", charging the former dealt with homosexuality and the latter showed a nude woman. The reversal found the film merely discussed sexual problems and that the showing of a nude woman was not obscene in this instance. **** Warning to current or prospective teachers: Bill passed by California Assembly late in February specifies that teaching credentials of persons previously convicted of sex offenses shall be suspended. **** Caught by chance-funny, funny, funny Las Vegas comic Sheeky Greene last week in a special engagement at Jack Denison's plush new nitery on the upper Sunset strip. Act has the comic kissing male ringsiders and throwing constant homosexual funnies in one of the most first-rate performances I've seen in years. He returns on April 10, has a small interest in the club. Expensive, but worth every penny. **** So sorry when Johnny Walsh sold his fine club on La Cienega, and it started to turn strictly hob-nob. New act there, however, brought back some of the life. Walter Craig, Hollywood's "Man With 1000 Voices", and songwriter-pianist Skip Redwine team in a cleverly designed impression of the Mary Martin-Ethel Merman Ford Anniversary album that is ~~delicious~~. And I don't usually care for impressionists. The duo moved to the club from 12 solid weeks at the local Sip 'N' Sup where they were a sensation.....*

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WEDNESDAY BUSINESS MEETING at 11440 Ventura Blvd., North Hollywood.
May 13
8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY DINNER MEETING at Rand's Round-Up on Sunset Blvd., Hollywood.
May 15 All you can eat for \$2.50. Our speaker of the evening is Mrs.
7:00 P.M. Helen Branson of the Branson Foundation. An interesting even-
ing is promised as Mrs. Branson relates the history and aims
of the Foundation and describes some of the case histories of rehabilitation.

SUNDAY BRUNCH at Rand's Round-Up on Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. Enjoy
May 31 a relaxing Sunday morning and become acquainted with the so-
11:00 A.M. cial side of the Mattachine Society. Brunch is \$1.50.

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OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS.....

Fur-olad Christins Jorgensen stole publicity spotlights in March with the announcement, with attractive photographs in most tabloids, of her pending marriage to a handsome 33 year-old businesss executives. Next week, Ras Bourbon?? ***** Surprising to note the great lack of sex in the recent Academy Award show, since moviss themselves are getting sexier than ever.

In filmdom, incidentally, Arthur Hornblow announces the acquisition of screen rights of "The Captivo", Edouard Bourdet play on lesbianism that starred Mae West and was closed by police in 1927. Hornblow says he hopes to make it acceptable for production code, but our memory recalls that a lot of changes will have to be made. ***** BRAVO! Pamela Mason, outspoken wife of actor James Mason, on television's AD-LIB (on which she is a mainstay) lambasted monogamy as unnatural, defended pre-marital sex relations because "it's absurd to stop just when one is most interested" and called for the legalization of homosexuality because "it's nobody's business what two adult males do with their sex life". Good girl, Pamela, but what about females?

Tennessee Williams' latest, "Sweet Bird of Youth", now on Broadway, is a powerful transposition of an earlier short one-act dealing with lustful sex gratification. One of his most outspoken tomes to date. Stars Paul Newman, Geraldine Page and Sidney Blackmer. ***** Large and well-developed article in current issue of Horizon, the now hard-cover magazine aimed at cultural appal, devotes much attention to gifted young novelists who see sex not as a crime but as a maladjustment. Sex of all types is the main theme of now novels, making it seem that the maladjustment is in those not indulging, since they indicate they are the minority. The article discusses the relaxation on standards for proper expression of sex. Sexual behavior can now be presented in language that was unprintable 10 years ago. The different positions taken by various writers is pointed out. No mere love is shown. Sex is much-animal--stimulus and response.

Among recent books to come to our attention is one by Bianca Van Orden called "Water Music", which presents a poet seduced three years earlier by the homosexual brother of a woman teacher in a girls school who herself seduces him in the first chapter. There's a triangle for you. ***** Malcolm Cowley suggests in a Horizon article an upcoming inverted version of "Lolita" with a middle-aged woman with a passion for vicious little boys - "Faunots?" ***** Angus Wilson's "The Middle Age of Mrs. Eliot" touches briefly on the theme with a homosexual brother. It's getting so one thinks in terms of "It's the brother" instead of "It's the butler when the theme is apart from a mystery story." *****

"Mountolive" by Lawrence Durrell runs rampant on incest and transvestism. It's tooting with strong characters all knotted together and gaining a great deal of note. ***** Snuggled quietly among inner news pages last month was a tiny article about the arrest of a 30 year old New York patrolman on a charge involving homosexuality. Did anyone notice the outcome? ***** Publicity on the big comedy hit now at the theaters, "Some Like It Hot", really going wild. Anyone see the big photos of disco jockey Al Jarvis that spanned the news pages recently? All pink and perfumey.

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CONVENTION NEWS * * DENVER, COLORADO: HOST TO THE WORLD

The Denver Area Council is busily preparing for the Sixth Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society to be held in Colorado's capital city September 4-7.

"Now Frontiers in Acceptance of the Homophile" is to be the convention's theme, signifying the now trend in open subscription of homophilia, and also connecting the theme to a western motif and the Colorado Rush To The Rockies Centennial celebration being observed by the state this year.

The Albany Hotel, conveniently situated in downtown Denver, has been selected as convention headquarters. The Albany has a long history as the ideal convention accommodation, which is certain to make our meetings comfortable and efficient.

Probably the grandest offering to any Colorado vacationer is the magnificent beauty of the Rocky Mountains. In these mountains, less than an hour's drive from Denver, is historic, picturesque Central City, where Colorado's development actually began with the discovery of gold.

Sumptuously Victorian, Central City was once the host to world-famous figures who found themselves trodding bricks of pure silver! With the development of mining, skilled workers were brought in from all over Europe, along with their families, their pride as artisans, and a deep-seated love of music, drama and literature. The arts bloomed and flourished—one saloon boasted a reading room!

As the 19th century neared its end, mining went into a decline, and Central City became a ghost of its former self. Then early in the 1930's, the opera house was reopened with Lillian Gish as "Camillo". A high standard of performance was created and has been maintained to this day. This summer, stars of the Metropolitan Opera will alternate Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" with Moore's "The Ballad of Baby Doe", winner of the 1958 Music Critics Circle Award.

A visit to Central City's saloons, colorful, bohemian, and evocative of the aura of the west at the turn of the century, is a must on the convention delegate's list. Won't you plan now to join your Denver Area friends for a convention which promises to be fulfilling, as well as a vacation in the nation's most beautiful state?

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Other Mattachine offices are maintained at the following addresses. All publish monthly newsletters at \$1.00 or \$1.50 per year. Address all communications to branch offices of the Mattachine Society, Inc. Make checks or money orders payable to the same.

BOSTON AREA COUNCIL: P.O. Box 1492, Boston 4, Massachusetts

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NEW YORK AREA COUNCIL: 1133 Broadway, Suite 409, New York 10, N.Y.

PHOENIX AREA COUNCIL: Mr. Robert Olson, 1622 Palmercroft Way, Phoenix, Ariz.

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Re Houston airtel to the Director dated 11/19/58,
captioned "CRIMDEL - CRS" re Mattachine Society, Inc.

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For the information of the Boston and Detroit
Offices, who did not receive copies of referenced airtel,
ONI Agent [redacted] Corpus Christi, Texas, furnished the
following information to SA [redacted] of the Houston
Office on 11/14/58:

The captioned society was founded and incorporated
in California on 6/7/52 as a secret Society, with headquarters
in Los Angeles. The society is an organization composed mainly
of sex deviates and homosexuals. On 5/11/53 the secrecy was
dropped and the organization came out into the open. Since
then, the organization has published a bimonthly magazine
entitled "Mattachine Review," which is distributed from San
Francisco, California. According to [redacted] chapters have been
formed in Chicago, New York, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh.

[redacted] further informed that about 60% of the officers
of the chapters are known homosexuals and individuals who have
allegedly participated in Communist Party "front groups."

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The Mattachine "Newsletter" for May, 1959, issued by the Los Angeles Area Council, listed the following Mattachine offices:

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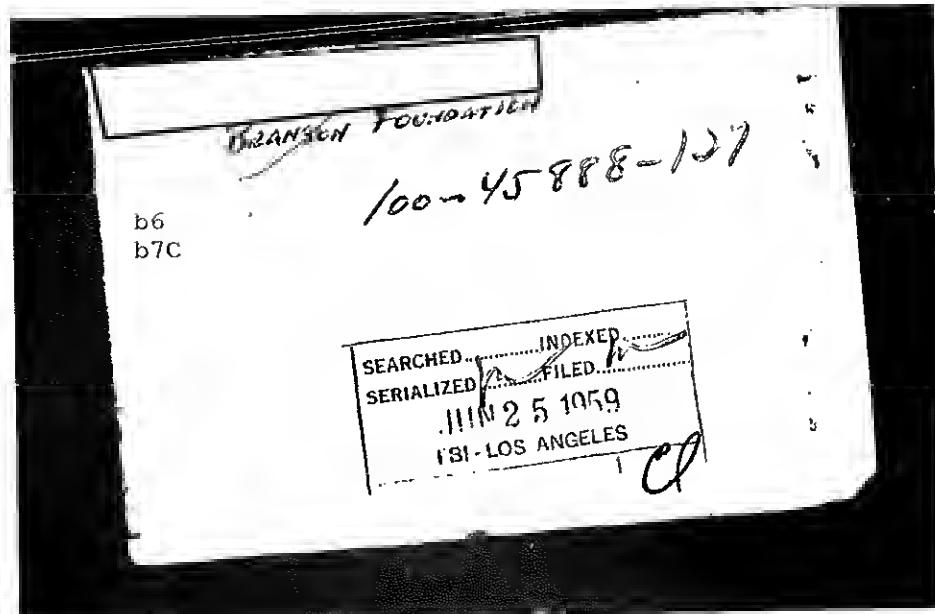
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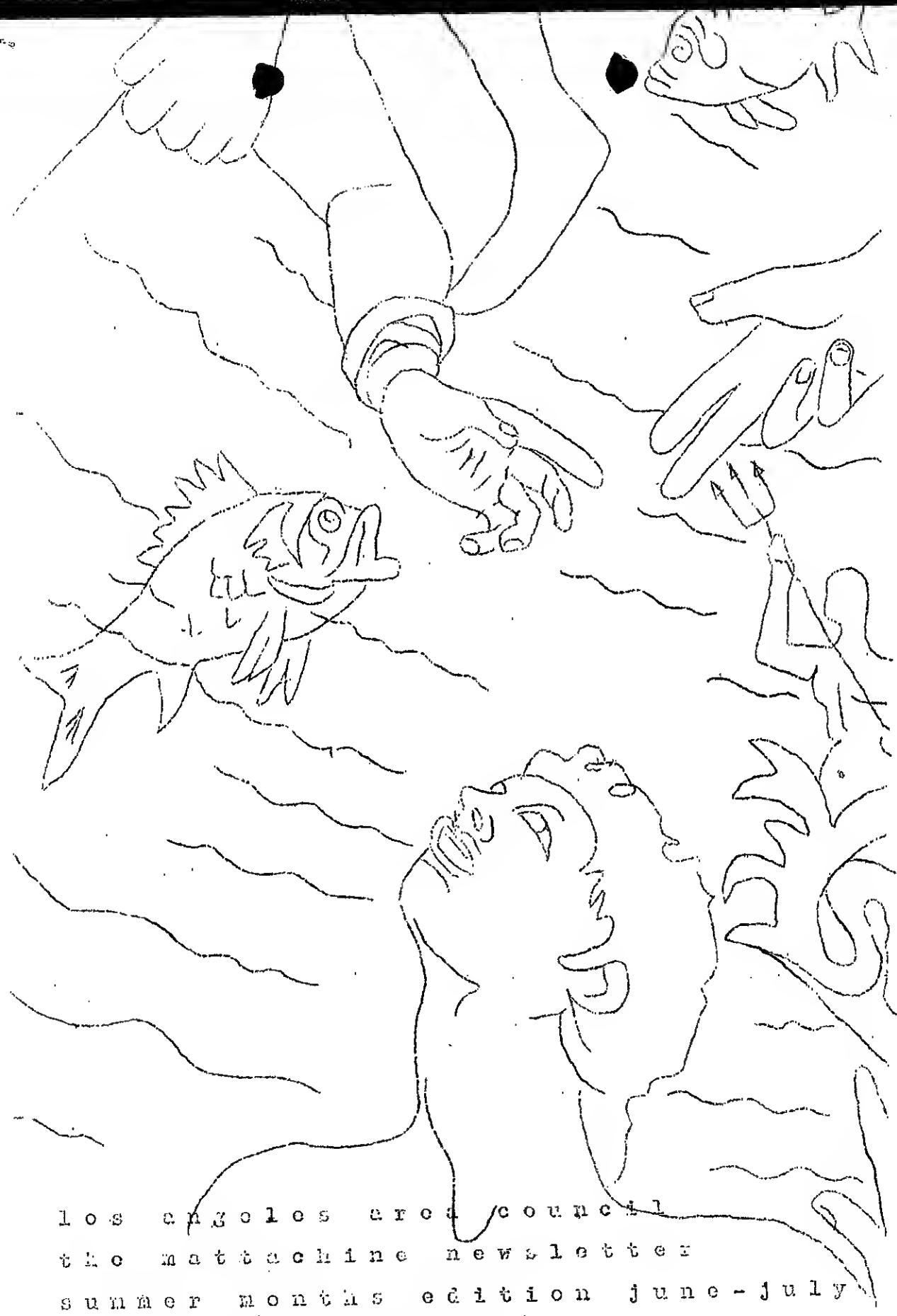
Phoenix Area Council
Mr. ROBERT OLSON, 1622 Palmcroft Way,
Phoenix, Arizona

San Francisco Area Council
693 Mission Street
San Francisco 5, California

The "Newsletter" announced that the Sixth Annual Convention of the Mattachine Society is to be held at Denver, Colorado, September 4 - 7, and that the Albany Hotel in downtown Denver has been selected as convention headquarters.

The above is furnished the Bureau and other offices for information.





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chairman's corner

Upon reflection over our accomplishments last year, I'm forced to the conclusion that somewhere we must have "goofed", but I honestly don't know where.

Our meetings were well organized and spirited at first but as time wore on attendance dropped. Our dinner meetings had fine speakers but few listeners. Our discussion meetings drew initially, then failed to draw. Even the bright idea of a beer party failed to brighten our dismal attendance record.

In short -- either we failed you somewhere -- or else a general apathy has descended upon us. In either case our question is whether or not to continue.

We don't mind devoting our time and money to Nattaching if you want us to -- but if you don't -- or if you really don't care -- we'll take a rest and close up shop.

We exist for you. Please write us if you want a program next September or October. Tell us what you want us to have. We'll do our best to give it to you if you want us to -- or we'll do nothing -- it's completely up to you.

OB LIQUE OBSERVATIONS

We bow with red face over a reader's correction of an item that appeared in last month's column - Mae West was not a member of "The Captive" cast. Our reader, too, is apparently the one to know, since he informs us he himself was in that production. However, he generously tells us our confusion may have come from the fact that the venerable Miss W. was in "Sox", the highly controversial play which was so forcefully closed the same year. Thanks, Mr. Reader, for your interest and attention - and thanks, too, for letting us know that there are persons who read these puorilo paragraphs.

Warner Bros. will release the Italian made "Horoules", giant color spectacular which stars former Mr. America-Mr. Universe titlest, Steve Reeves. The muscleman, along with yea dozens of similarly endowed creatures, flexes his hairy bulges in loin cloths and such throughout the film, which is being touted as a vivid new medium for a vivid new star - Reeves. Mothinks there are fans who will agree regardless of any dramatic qualities that may be involved.

The Burbank studio, incidentally, recently released another blockbuster in "The Young Philadelphians", which begins the story line with a young husband unable to consummate his marriage on the honeymoon night. Word from the inimitable T.C. Jones indicating the possibility he will be soon on the Eastern summer stock circuit playing the actress in "The Man Who Came To Dinner". This should make LIFE magazine.

Has anyone noticed that Noodles and Spider (formerly of Doodles and Spider) are currently in evidence at the Sip 'n Sup? It's the original Spider, who indicates that his ex-partner, Doodles, is engaged in drag acts somewhere in the East currently. The new act is entertaining and bears your interest. One line only, in "Once More, With Feeling" now at the Huntington Hartford Theatre, is directed to homosexual laugh lines and achieves it with ease, though it is pitifully out of place in the otherwise charmingly written comedy.

If you missed "He Who Must Die" when it was at the Sunset Theatre here, you missed a movingly beautiful film with emphasis on the homosexual theme. It was richly directed and acted with direct simplicity that created a generally fine reaction from audiences. "The Third Sex", a new film from the D & F Corporation in the German language, nearly slipped by without causing any stir. Whether it will be shown here is a moot question, however. Watch for houses like the Vagabond or Sunset, because it's one you do not want to miss. It treats a forbidden subject, homosexuality, with excellent qualities of taste and direct intelligence. It's based on a case in the German police files in which a woman is arrested for procuring other women for her homosexual son in an attempt to change his sexual inclination. Powerful and honest in its approach, it deserves all the support it can get. .

On the lit'ry scene, we note two volumes published recently dealing with the life and work of Sigmund Freud. "Sigmund Freud's Mission: An Analysis of His Personality", by Erich Fromm, evaluates the world of psychiatry at the time of the great man. There is a good deal of intent probing of Freud's psyche and some interesting reading. Of more interest, perhaps, is

"Freud: The Mind of the Moralist", by Philip Roiff, which treats the subject with a fresh interpretation that is particularly illuminating. . . . John Stewart Collis has come up with a biography of Havelock Ellis, called "Havelock Ellis: Artist of Life" which, in the resurgence of attention devoted to the father of sex study, is much more pointed in its approach than earlier works have been on this man. . . . In "Great Companions", by Jack Eastman, besides several notable excursions into interviews with the great, among them Freud, Einstein and Whitman, author Eastman quotes famed actress Edna St. Vincent Millay as telling an earnest young doctor that she was partly Lesbian. . . .

We recommend, also, Joan Borauad-Villars "T. E. Lawrence: Or, The Search for the Absolute", which tells a good deal about the inner workings of the "uncrowned king of Arabia", who has often been labeled homosexual. The author indicates that Lawrence must have been homosexual by inclination, but denies that he had any overt behavior, though he leaves the answer totally unresolved. . . .

We leave you this month with the slogan of the TROQUET MOTEL, where "Discretion Is Our Motto". The spot is located, incidentally, on Ventura Blvd. in North Hollywood, near the growingly-famed Ebb Tide Coffee House. Has anyone been there at three a.m.?

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Those who were not at last month's dinner meeting at Rand's Round-Up missed a very inspiring evening. The Los Angeles Area was not conscious, when planning this meeting and making arrangements for the speaker, that it may arise some confusion over a likeness of names. Some people arrived thinking they were going to hear Helen P. Branson, the author of "Gay Bar". We thought we made it plain by giving a brief background on Helen Branson and the Branson Foundation. At any rate, Mrs. Branson made it very clear that her Foundation in no way ever resembled any undergarment the other Helen Branson would wear. The work of the Foundation is a slow and tedious process, and is ever in danger of social ostracization. We heartily commend Mr. and Mrs. Branson on their work in helping sex criminals along the hard and patience-exhausting work of rehabilitation, and wish more of you were interested in knowing about it.

Director, FBI (63-4296) (100-403320) Aug. 7, 1959

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To Los Angeles Letter to Bureau 5/19/59.

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On July 31, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is familiar with some of the homosexual element in the Denver metropolitan area, advised SA's [redacted] that he is aware of contemplated convention of captioned organization scheduled for September 4-5, 1959, at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado, and although he is not a member, feels that through acquaintances, he will be in a position to furnish this office substantial information concerning the agenda and participants in the convention. In this regard, he advised he has recently been in contact with EVER A. BARKER, described as the Denver representative of the Mattachine Society, and ascertained that only about fifty individuals plan to attend the convention, which will consist of closed meetings during the day and lectures during the evening, open to the public.

The Bureau and Los Angeles will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

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Re Los Angeles letter 5/19/59 and your
letter 8/7/59.

Inasmuch as re Los Angeles letter did not
request your office to undertake any activity
concerning the convention of captioned organization
to be held in Denver on 9/4-5/59 and the fact that
the Bureau does not have an active investigation
concerning captioned organization, you are instructed
not to take any further affirmative steps regarding
this matter. However, in the event [] should
furnish any information to your office concerning the
convention, you should, of course, accept same. In
the event you are maintaining instant case in a
pending status, you should take the necessary steps
to close it.

For your information and the information of
the Los Angeles Office, future correspondence submitted
in captioned matter should bear the substantive caption
of the subject matter being reported on and not under
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On 8/1/61, Deputy Chief of Police ROY E. BLICK, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] of WFO that an anonymous person had advised that the Mattachine Society has scheduled a meeting at 8:00 p.m. on 8/1/61 in Room 120 Hay-Adams Hotel, Washington, D. C., which was reserved by a [redacted]

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[redacted] Chief BLICK advised that it was his understanding that several psychiatrists and doctors had been invited to the meeting to explain why [redacted] defected [redacted]

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On 8/1/61, [redacted] of the Manger-Hay-Adams Hotel, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that about a week previously a telephone reservation had been made by the Mattachine Society for Room 120 of the Manger-Hay-Adams Hotel to hold a meeting at 8:00 p.m. on 8/1/61. The person calling furnished the name [redacted] and gave his address and telephone number as [redacted] The reservation had been accepted by Waiter [redacted]

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On 8/2/61, [redacted] advised that a group had attended a meeting in Room 120 on the previous evening at about 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. He stated the door was left open, that he passed by the meeting on several occasions and observed about 16 well dressed men in discussion. He heard mentioned the words "bylaws" and "resolutions" and stated that they were a very well behaved group. The only order was for 16 coffees and the bill was signed [redacted] (?)

One copy of instant letter is furnished to NY for information since reservation was made by person in NYC.

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SAC, SEATTLE (100-22500)(RUC)

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MATTACHINE FOUNDATION, aka
Mattachine Society
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Reference is made to San Francisco report in this matter dated 7/14/53, and Seattle report dated 8/19/53. Both reports are given the character of INTERNAL SECURITY - C; but because of the fact that evidence of the existence of subversive activity, etc., appears to be almost totally lacking, this particular letter is being characterized as "INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Armed Forces Police in Seattle have recently reported to this office that [redacted]

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[redacted] They report that [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that the MATTACHINE SOCIETY is extremely active in its efforts to organize homosexuals. He said that the main office of the organization is in San Francisco and that it has branch offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Phoenix, Tampa, Washington, D. C., and is trying to establish one in Seattle. He said that the primary purpose of the organization is to "unify the homosexual population." He said that they set up travel trip contacts in various cities; issue membership cards; and hold meetings to discuss homosexual problems. He said that the organization is participated in mainly by homosexuals who cannot afford adverse publicity and are very frequently people in the teaching profession, etc. He estimated that there are over 15,000,000 active homosexuals in the United States and that there are 150,000 to 200,000 homosexuals in California who are organized. In California, he says they believe that they actually had an effect on the voting in the state and helped elect Governor BROWN.

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This information is being furnished because of the direction to do so in Bureau letter to San Francisco, dated 7/3/53, captioned [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, SM - C, in which this organization is also mentioned. This information is not being disseminated to the offices covering cities in which branches of the SOCIETY are reported to be existing; and dissemination, if needed, is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (100-45888)

DATE: 4/1/63

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ONE, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/14/63, the writer called on [redacted]
[redacted] Wolfer Printing Company, Inc., 416 S. Wall
Street, at her request. [redacted] who has been extremely
cooperative in the past in making available to the Los
Angeles Office copies of the magazine, "One - The Homosexual
Viewpoint," exhibited the March, 1963, issue of "One" to
the writer and noted that its cover was such that she and other
executives of the printing company were somewhat concerned
with a violation of Federal Law if it was put into circulation.
The writer examined the cover of the March, 1963, issue of
"One" which was self-described as a drawing by LUIS MEDINA
taken from sculptures of the North Facade of Mahamandapa,
Kandarya Mahadeo Temple in Khajuraho.

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Inasmuch as any possible violation of Federal Law
concerning the circulation of this magazine stemmed from its
possible obscenity content, the writer telephonically contacted
[redacted] of the Post Office Inspectors Office, Los
Angeles, who advised that he would personally look into the
matter, and further advised [redacted] that he had no
authority to order any restriction on the delivery of the
magazines which are being printed for One, Inc.

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*The above-mentioned March 63 issue of
ONE was furnished to SA [redacted]
for information in connection with any
possible Bureau interest.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 23, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mattachine Society, Incorporated

On May 10, 1966, [redacted] b6 b7C Jumica Bus Company, New York City, advised that she had heard on a television program that a group, believed to be the Mattachine Society, Incorporated, was planning a large demonstration on May 21, 1966, at either Washington, D.C. or Albany, New York. The purpose of this demonstration was to protest the fact that homosexuals are not being taken into the Army.

By means of a pretext interview with [redacted] b6 b7C of the Mattachine Society, Incorporated, of New York, 1133 Broadway, New York City, it was ascertained on May 16, 1966, that the Mattachine Society, Incorporated, is not planning any demonstration at any location for May 21, 1966. However, [redacted] advised that the Mattachine Society, Incorporated, is planning a demonstration for July 4, 1966, at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this demonstration is to protest the alleged fact that homosexuals are excluded from the protection of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to demand that homosexuals be given the protection of the First Amendment.

[redacted] b6 b7C advised that the Mattachine Society, Incorporated, of New York, will hold its next meeting on May 16, 1966, at 8:15 P.M., at the Freedom House, 20 West 40th Street, New York City. These meetings are held on an irregular basis and the next meeting after May 16, 1966, will be sometime in June, 1966.

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5/23/66

SAC, NEW YORK (100-132065) (C)

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies, for
Philadelphia three copies and for Los Angeles one copy
of a letter.

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SA [redacted] information from [redacted] was
received by SA [redacted]

The pretext interview on 5/16/66 was conducted
telephonically by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] posed
as one [redacted] the was interested in joining and
participating in the activities of the Mattachine Society,
Inc.

One copy is furnished Los Angeles for information
inasmuch as Los Angeles is office of origin in captioned
matter.

The NYO contemplates no further action. The
information in the letter is furnished to Philadelphia for
any action it deems appropriate including advising local
police.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-0)

DATE: 7/29/66

FROM : b6
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SA

SUBJECT:

Mattachine Society of
Los Angeles,
2940 Hawthorne Boulevard,
Hollywood, California

At 3:34 PM on above date, subject called Los Angeles Office and advised the writer as follows:

He explained that his society is an organization of homosexuals and his organization is concerned in that they believe that some homosexuals are being discharged from their employment in the Los Angeles area as "security risks." He desired to know if the FBI could furnish him information in this regard.

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[redacted] was advised that the results of FBI investigations are confidential. It was explained to him that the results of investigations conducted by the FBI for other Government agencies in regard to possible employment with the Federal Government was furnished to the appropriate agencies and that agency made any decision as to whether the person was hired or not and likewise Government agencies made their own decisions regarding terminations of employees and that this type of matter was not within the functions of the FBI.

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[redacted] began speaking of other reasons for termination using words "Nigger", "Jew", at which time the writer advised him that the conversation would not be continued on that basis and if he had further inquiry of the FBI he could personally appear at the Los Angeles Office and make known his request at which time he would be advised appropriately.

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Washington, D.C.
May 23, 1968

COMMITTEE TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION OF HOMOSEXUALS
FROM THE ARMED FORCES NATIONAL PROTEST DEMONSTRATION
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MAY 21, 1968

Captain [redacted] United States Park Police, Washington, D.C., advised on May 18, 1968, that the United States Park Service had granted a permit to the Mattachine Society of Washington to picket in front of the White House and march via 15th Street and the 14th Street Bridge to The Pentagon on May 21, 1968.

Captain [redacted] stated that the above society, which is a group of homosexuals, had requested permission to demonstrate in front of the White House from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on May 21, 1968, and then march to the vicinity of The Pentagon. A spokesman for the group stated that they would demonstrate in front of The Pentagon from 4 p.m. until approximately 4:45 p.m.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed members of the above society begin picketing in front of the White House at approximately 2:15 p.m. on May 21, 1968. This group, totaling a maximum of seventeen, including six women, handed out literature and carried placards. Included in the literature was a six-page statement entitled "Why Are Homosexual American Citizens Demonstrating On Armed Forces Day?" This statement indicated that the group protested:

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1. Discharge of less than fully honorable discharges to homosexuals in the Armed Forces
2. Total exclusion of homosexuals from service in the Armed Forces
3. Offensively worded military regulations on homosexuals
4. Continuing refusal by the Departments of Defense, Army, Navy and Air Force to meet with spokesman for the homosexual community to engage in constructive discussion of the policies and procedures at issue

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COMMITTEE TO FIGHT EXCLUSION OF HOMOSEXUALS FROM
THE ARMED FORCES NATIONAL PROTEST DEMONSTRATION
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MAY 21, 1966

These individuals carried placards, some of which read as follows:

"100,000 Homosexual Soldiers Demand
Review of Army Policy"

"A Million Homosexuals Fought Honorably
And Well In World War II"

"Demonstration Sponsored By The
Mattachine Society Of Washington, D.C.,
P.O. Box 1032"

"85,000 Homosexual Airmen Demand
Review Of Air Force Policy"

"65,000 Homosexual Sailors Demand
New Navy Policy"

"We Don't Dodge The Draft -
The Draft Dodges Us"

Franklin E. Kameny, spokesman for the above group, stated during the demonstration that there are seventy members in the Mattachine Society of Washington. He also stated that groups of homosexual American citizens were demonstrating on this date in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Kansas City and elsewhere on Armed Forces Day, 1966.

The picketing at the White House was discontinued at approximately 8:15 p.m. and these individuals marched to The Pentagon via 15th Street and the 14th Street Bridge.

Major [redacted] Office of Security, Office of the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, advised on May 23, 1966, that approximately twenty individuals began picketing at the River Entrance to The Pentagon at approximately 4:15 p.m.

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COMMITTEE TO FIGHT MARGINALISATION OF HOMOSEXUALS FROM
THE ARMED FORCES NATIONAL PROTEST DEMONSTRATION
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MAY 31, 1966

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on May 31, 1966. He stated that the demonstration was orderly and that the individuals passed out literature and carried placards. According to Major [redacted] these individuals represented the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C. Major [redacted] advised that there were no incidents or arrests and that the demonstrators had departed from the area of The Pentagon at approximately 4:45 p.m.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-NEW) (C)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO FIGHT EXCLUSION OF
HOMOSEXUALS FROM THE ARMED FORCES
NATIONAL PROTEST DEMONSTRATION HELD
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MAY 21, 1968
SSA OF 1948 - MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of LHM describing
the above demonstration.

The above demonstration was observed by Supervisor
[redacted] on 5/21/68.

Two pieces of literature handed out during the above
demonstration are attached to the airtel for information of
the Bureau.

LHM being disseminated locally to Secret Service
and military intelligence agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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COMMITTEE FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION (CNVA);
DEMONSTRATION AT INDEPENDENCE HALL,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., 7/4/66 AND AT NEW
LONDON, GROTON, CONN., 7/7/66

On June 21, 1966, Detective [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that [redacted] Committee for Nonviolent Action (CNVA), Board member, Philadelphia, Pa., said that all CNVA Chapters in the East will come to Philadelphia, Pa., July 4, 1966, and have a demonstration and rally at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, protesting United States intervention in Viet Nam and in support of the Buddhists in Viet Nam. She also said all U.S. Embassies overseas will be picketed and approximately 100 towns in Germany will have demonstrations. She learned this from someone who just came back from overseas.

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[redacted] advised that the New England CNVA in conjunction with the National CNVA are planning a demonstration possibly including Civil Disobedience at the launching of the USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659) on July 7, 1966, at Groton, Conn. [redacted] also advised same organizations are planning demonstrations on July 4, 1966 at Philadelphia and on July 5, 1966, at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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Lieutenant [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., subsequently advised June 21, 1966, that CNVA on July 4, 1966, plan to assemble at 10 a.m. and picket until noon and have a rally. From one to three p.m. they will pass out leaflets and attempt to disrupt a Fourth of July patriotic celebration in which some national figure will speak.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., 7/4/66 AND AT NEW
LONDON, GROTON, CONN., 7/7/66

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On June 22, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] furnished a leaflet of CNVA captioned, "Save The American Revolution." A subcaption "A Call to Action July 4 - 10 a.m. Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., July 7 - 10 a.m. General Dynamics/Electric Boat, New London - Groton, Conn."

A copy of this leaflet follows:

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SAVE THE AMERICAN EVOLUTION

A CALL TO ACTION

JULY 4 - 10 a.m.

Independence Hall
Philadelphia, Pa.

JULY 7 - 10 a.m.

General Dynamics/Electric Boat
New London - Groton, Conn.

One hundred and ninety years ago, a group of radical patriots meeting at Philadelphia's Independence Hall adopted one of history's most important documents. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," they declared, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness... That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The founding fathers also declared that men have a right to engage in revolution when existing governments deprive the people of those rights..

THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

These brave words and ideals have inspired men around the world to work, fight and die in the struggle to achieve freedom and human dignity. That struggle is far from being won—most people in the world today are still fettered by the chains of tyranny and poverty, and modern war threatens the lives of all men.

Even in the United States the struggle for freedom and human dignity is far from being won. Millions of Americans are denied any meaningful opportunity for the pursuit of happiness through inequality of birth into a minority group, into poverty or both. But even more important, the United States often arrogantly uses its enormous military and economic power to support tyranny rather than to aid those struggling against foreign or domestic tyranny.

TYRANNY AND THE VIETNAM WAR

In Vietnam, the United States is committed to the support of a government headed by a man who has openly stated his admiration for Hitler. Over a quarter of a million of our young men, Milton Mayer wrote recently, "are being required to save one Asian tyranny from another by killing the helpless victims of both." At the same time, we must recognize that the "Vietcong" are fighting for national independence and against foreign control, as did our own patriots of 1776.

SPONSORS:

Committee for Nonviolent Action

Beekman St., Room 1033
New York, N.Y. 10038
(212) BA 7-5535

PA - Philadelphia

26 Race St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
(215) LO 7-8870

England CNVA

FD 1, Box 197B
Munton, Conn. 06384
(203) 376-9970

Catholic Peace Fellowship

Beekman St.
New York, N.Y. 10038

Fellowship of Reconciliation

Beekman St., Room 1026
New York, N.Y. 10038

Workshop in Nonviolence

Beekman St., Room 1031
New York, N.Y. 10038

Resisters League

Beekman St., Room 1026
New York, N.Y. 10038

The people of Vietnam have been at war almost constantly for 25 years, and have struggled for independence against the troops and the influence of the Japanese, the French, and now the United States. Hundreds of thousands of people have been killed; millions have lost their relatives, their homes, their means of earning a living. This constant fighting for survival is without parallel in any other

Peace groups in several European countries will call for an end to the war in Vietnam through demonstrations at U.S. embassies and consulates. The U.S. will take place in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, and in a massive leaflet campaign across the country. A number of Philadelphia communists will demonstrate, and leaflets will be available at the Philadelphia CNVA office, 26 Race St.

PHILADELPHIA. Participants will assemble at Independence Hall at 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE

- 10-12: Picketing
- 12 noon: Rally
- 1-3: Leaflet distribution at 4th of July celebration in Fairmount Park

IN OTHER PLACES

We urge the people who live in the United States to organize demonstrations or leaflet distributions in their own communities. Most people are off work and out of doors on July 4, providing an unusual opportunity for communication through leaflet distribution.

Copies of the leaflet, *Birthday Greetings to America*, may be ordered on the coupon below.

JULY 7

NEW LONDON - GROTON, CONN. will be the site of the launching of the final Polaris missile carrying submarine, *Will Rogers*. Mrs. Lyndon Johnson will christen this deadly vessel, which, like each of the 40 other submarines of the Polaris fleet, will be capable of destroying 16 cities and killing 8 million people. We urge you to join us in a protest against the construction and potential use of all nuclear weapons.

This action is open to civil disobedience, and various actions which are likely to be illegal are being considered by a number of people. Anyone contemplating taking such action should take into consideration the possible consequences and should notify CNVA in advance.

On the 5th and 6th there will be leafleting and other activities in the New London-Groton area. Housing will be available at the New England CNVA headquarters in nearby Voluntown, Conn.

I plan to join the July 4 action at Independence Hall.

I plan to join in leafleting and other activities in Connecticut on July 5 _____; July 6 _____.

I plan to be in Philadelphia on July 2 and/or 3 to distribute leaflets.

I plan to join the July 7 demonstration at the Electric Boat Co. in Groton, Conn.

I plan to participate in the civil disobedience phase of the July 7 demonstration.

Please send me _____ additional copies of this Call.

I enclose \$ _____ for the expenses of the July 4 and July 7 actions. Make checks payable to CNVA.

I enclose \$ _____ for _____ copies of the leaflet

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO AMERICA (written especially for distribution on and around July 4).

\$1/100; \$8/1,000

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., 7/4/66 AND AT NEW
LONDON, GROTON, CONN., 7/7/66

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Lieutenant [redacted] also advised June 21, 1966, that in a separate demonstration the Matachine Society of New York and Washington, D.C., plan to join the Janus Society, Philadelphia, Pa., July 4, 1966, at the north side of Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., from two to four p.m. to protest the denial of equality of homosexual American citizens in not being allowed in the Armed Forces. Military and Independence Hall National Park Guards advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-138315)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-47881)
 SUBJECT: VIDEM

Re Philadelphia teletype 6/21/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM captioned, "Committee for Nonviolent Action (CNVA); Demonstration at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 7/4/66 and at New London, Groton, Conn., 7/7/66." Copies are also being furnished to New York, New Haven, Washington Field Office, NISO, OSI, INTC, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA., are being furnished copies locally.

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[redacted] utilized in LHM is a confidential source [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information by letter to the Philadelphia
Office 6/17/66.

The LHM is classified confidential since the information
of [redacted] is so classified.

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**Support
the
Sponsoring
Organizations**

This demonstration is sponsored by the groups in the homophile movement listed below. While each may vary in its approach to the problems outlined in this brief brochure, all are actively working for the improvement of the social and legal status of the homosexual.

For further information about the specific objectives and methods of these individual organizations, write directly to:

Association for Responsible Citizenship
Box 895
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Homosexual Law Reform Society
(formerly Janus Society)
34 South 17th Street
Philadelphia, Penna. 19103
Phone 215 LO 3-9414

Mattachine Midwest
Box 89
Chicago, Ill. 60690

Mattachine Society of New York
1133 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10010
Phone 212 WA 4-7743

Mattachine Society of Washington
Box 1032
Washington, D.C. 20013

Phoenix Society for Individual Freedom
Box 1191
Kansas City, Mo. 64141

**JULY 4TH -
HOMOSEXUAL
RIGHTS
REMINDER
ONLY**

July 4- the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence- is traditionally the day for a re-statement and reaffirmation of the liberties and rights, with the proclamation of which our country was born in 1776.

July 4- a day for serious, solemn, and probing thought. It is a day properly to ask: Are we guaranteeing to *all* of our citizens the rights, the liberties, the freedoms, which took birth and first form in the Declaration of Independence and the documents (such as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights) which followed upon it?

Or are these concepts merely being given lip-service for some of our citizens?

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**Independence Hall
Phila., Penna.**

Why are those who are concerned with the rights of homosexuals demonstrating today? Because the homosexual American citizen finds himself denied many of the unique and special features of American life that are guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

The homosexual American citizen feels he is being denied many of the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by these documents and enjoyed, without second thought, by his fellow American citizens.

"All Men are Created Equal"

Homosexuals, known as such, are rarely treated as equals and they are often placed in a status of inferiority. The Federal, state and local governments not only discriminate against them grossly and pointlessly, but these institutions serve to maintain the prejudice against them.

"All men are endowed with certain unalienable Rights, among these are the pursuit of Happiness."

But the homosexual American citizen who participates in sexual acts within the privacy of his home, without force and with other consenting adults is subject to criminal sanctions in 49 states that range from a \$500 fine in New York to life imprisonment in Nevada.

Notoriously, persons accused of homosexual acts often suffer loss of job and shame before family and friends.

Surely a citizen's private sexual relations with other consenting adults are an important and proper part of his personal "pursuit of Happiness." Yet, upon pain of severe punishment by the criminal law, and of the harshest sanctions by the society around him, the homosexual American citizen finds himself denied this "unalienable right".

"Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury."

Homosexual American citizens have also petitioned both state and Federal governments to re-examine many of the adverse policies facing them -- and those governments have ignored them or "answered only

by repeated injury".

Equality

That the homosexual American citizen is a homosexual is always noted; that he is also an American citizen is often forgotten.

The homosexual finds himself denied the equality of opportunity which is so essential a part of our American way of life -- simply and only because he is a homosexual. Were the homosexual as "visible" as the Negro, our nation would have close to fifteen million* unemployed homosexuals -- for no good reason. Private, out-of-working-hours life is in no possible way relevant to his employment.

Homosexuals are denied service in the Armed Forces, and when found there, are given less-than-honorable discharges, regardless of the quality of the service.

He is denied security clearance, not upon judgment of him as an individual, upon his merits -- as every American citizen has the right to be judged -- but simply by class, because he is a homosexual.

In many places he is denied the right -- possessed by other citizens -- peacefully to associate with others of his own choosing.

He is subjected to official harassment. He is "ferreted out." Officially and unofficially, he not only feels himself in a position of inferiority, he finds himself being kept there.

He finds that newspapers and other press media are shut to him and a virtual homosexual "press blackout" exists, except when there is news of an arrest or "crackdown."

He is denied his dignity and his proper feeling of worth as an individual and as a human being, equal to other human beings.

He is judged not upon his merits as a person, but upon the most personal aspects of his private life.

According to reliable estimates, there are some fifteen million male and female homosexual American citizens -- about 10% of the non-juvenile population -- making them the largest minority group after the Negro. But whatever statistics may be adopted, it cannot be denied that this group is a significantly large segment of the populace.

Government by the Consent of the governed

In this country, laws and regulations are established in consultation with spokesmen for the citizens who are directly affected by such regulations and laws. Homosexuals, however, have not been consulted in the establishment of Federal regulations affecting them, nor have they been consulted by those proposing state penal law reform.

In many instances, especially with the Federal government, officials have almost without exception refused to meet with homosexuals. Even in the South, we find officials meeting with representatives of the Negro community to discuss their problems and grievances, and to work toward a solution to them.

Other of America's minority groups know that they have the active assistance of their governments in their fight for their proper rights and proper equal status with their fellow citizens. The homosexual American citizen meets only with the active virulent hostility of his governments.

The homosexual American citizen finds himself a member of the only major national minority group which is systematically denied an opportunity to achieve the equality which all other citizens have.

Homosexuals are held to second-class citizenship in the same America that claims to have no second-class citizens.

We ask for the homosexual American citizen the right, as a human being, to develop and achieve his full potential, dignity and self-respect; and the right, as a citizen, to make his maximum contribution to the society in which he lives.

Homosexuals ask for their proper equality under law, equality of opportunity, and equality in the society of his fellow citizens.

That homosexuals do not now have the basic essentials to a life lived in the American tradition is the reason for which homosexual American citizens, and other enlightened citizens who support them, are picketing this July 4th, in front of Independence Hall.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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Enclosed for the Bureau for information are three copies of a leaflet captioned, "July 4th Homosexual Rights Reminder Day, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.", which was passed out at a demonstration and picket line at Independence Hall, 7/4/66, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., protesting the denial of rights of homosexuals as American citizens and not being allowed in the Armed Forces. There were about 30 men and seven women picketing.

A copy of this leaflet is also being furnished to San Francisco, Chicago, New York, WFO, and Kansas City, since the leaflet reflects sponsoring organizations within their Divisions.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY

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PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IS AGAINST EXCLUSION OF HOMOSEXUALS
FROM ARMED FORCES AND BARRING OF HOMOSEXUALS FROM GOVERNMENT JOBS
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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DEMONSTRATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALS,
INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 4, 1967

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On July 3, 1967, Detective [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised that the Police Department had received information from the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., of its intention to peaceably demonstrate for the third year on July 4, 1967, at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., to protest against exclusion of homosexuals from the armed forces and barring of homosexuals from Government jobs requiring security clearances.

On July 4, 1967, Officer [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department Radio, advised that the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., picketed from 3:35 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. There were no incidents or arrests.

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On July 6, 1967, Lt. [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., advised substantially the same information as above, stating that there were a total of 28 pickets and approximately 100 spectators across the street from Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., where homosexuals demonstrated from 3:35 to 5:00 p.m. The group actually started assembling at Independence Hall at 3:00 p.m. The coordinator of the demonstration was [redacted] of the Mattaahine Society, Washington, D. C., and [redacted]

Some of the signs carried by the pickets read as follows:

"Homosexuals - Equality"

"Equality"

"Justice"

"Fair Employment Applies to Homosexuals, too!"

"Demonstration Supported by Mattachine Society, Inc.
New York, 1133 Broadway, New York"

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DEMONSTRATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALS,
INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 4, 1967

"Homosexual Citizens Want Their Right to Make
Maximum Contribution to Society"

"Fifteen Million U.S. Homosexuals Ask for Equality,
Opportunity, and Dignity"

"The Right to the Pursuit of Happiness"

"For Redress of Grievances"

"Homosexual American Citizens, Our Last Oppressed
National Minority"

"First-Class Citizenship for Homosexuals"

"Sexual Preference is Irrelevant to any Employment"

A pamphlet captioned, "Why Are Homosexual American
Citizens Picketing at Independence Hall on July 4?", was handed
out at the demonstration. A copy of this item follows:

WHO ARE HOMOSEXUAL AMERICAN CITIZENS

PICKETING AT INDEPENDENCE HALL ON JULY 4?

July 4 — the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence — is traditionally the day for a re-statement and re-affirmation of the liberties and rights, with the proclamation of which our country was born in 1776.

July 4 is a day for serious, solemn, and probing thought. It is a day properly to ask: Are we guaranteeing to ALL of our citizens the rights, the liberties, the freedoms, which took birth and first form in the Declaration of Independence and in the documents (such as the Constitution and its Bill of Rights) which followed upon it? Or are these concepts merely being given lip-service for some of our citizens?

We are picketing because to the first of these questions, we who are picketing, and the fifteen million homosexual American citizens in whose behalf we picket, must answer with a resounding: NO; and to the second question: Yes.

To examine these matters more explicitly:

—The Declaration of Independence says: "All men are created equal."

But in no walk of life, and in none of his dealings, whether with his fellow citizens or with his governments (Federal, state, or local) is the homosexual American citizen treated as equal to others; he is always placed in a status of inferiority. Systematically and unrelentingly, he is placed into and kept in the category of a second-class citizen.

That the homosexual American citizen is a homosexual is always noted; that he is also an American citizen, with all that goes with that status, is always forgotten.

—The Declaration of Independence says: "All men are endowed with certain unalienable Rights — among these are — the pursuit of Happiness."

But the homosexual American citizen, upon savage penalty of law, and upon pain of loss of livelihood and other severe disadvantage, is denied the proper pursuit of harmless happinesses open to other citizens.

—The Declaration of Independence says: "Governments are instituted — deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

But homosexual American citizens find themselves placed under laws and regulations, their activities directed, their freedoms limited, the conduct of their lives disposed of, all without consultation and without their consent. They have asked — as citizens in our democracy have a **RIGHT** to ask (in the proper expectation that their request will be granted) — to meet with their officials, in order to discuss those aspects of their government and their laws which directly and immediately affect them, in which they are deeply involved, and in which they have a strong interest. Consistently they have been refused.

—The Declaration of Independence says: "In every stage of these Oppressions We have petitioned for Redress — Our repeated Petitions have been

answered only by repeated injury."

Homosexual American citizens, too, have petitioned their government for redress of their grievances and oppressions. Their petitions, too, have been ignored, in any constructive sense, and have been answered only by repeated injury.

The homosexual American citizen feels that he is being systematically denied many of the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and enjoyed by his fellow citizens. The homosexual feels that for him, these concepts are all too often just so many fine-sounding words, from which he is gaining none of the benefits and advantages properly gained from them by his fellow citizens.

According to reliable estimates, there are some fifteen million homosexual American citizens (both men and women) — about 10% of the non-juvenile population — making this the nation's largest minority group after the Negro. Whatever statistics may be adopted, it cannot be denied that this group is a significantly large segment of the populace.

This group of American citizens finds that it does not enjoy the rights, liberties, freedoms which make our American way of life so unique.

Equality: The homosexual American citizen finds that he is denied the equality of opportunity which is so essential a part of our American system. Simply and only because he is a homosexual, he is denied jobs which, in every way, he is fully competent to hold. Were the homosexual as "visible" as is the Negro, our nation would have close to fifteen million unemployed homosexuals — for no good reason.

We feel that a man's private, out-of-working-hours life is in no possible way relevant to his employment.

He is denied service in our Armed Forces, and when found there, is given a less-than-fully honorable discharge (blighting the remainder of his life), regardless of the quality of his service, upon the basis of military regulations couched in offensive and insulting language of a sort which no American citizen should find directed at him by his government.

He is denied a security clearance, not upon judgement of him as an individual, upon his own merits — as every American citizen has a right to be judged — but simply upon a disqualification as a member of a class or group.

He is subjected to unceasing official harassment. He is hunted down and ferreted out. Officially and unofficially, he not only feels himself in a position of inferiority; he finds himself being kept there. When he attempts to improve his situation, he finds all avenues of recourse resolutely closed to him.

In many places he is denied the right — possessed by other citizens — peacefully to associate with others of his own choosing.

He finds the newspapers and other media of communication shut to him, leaving

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him with no means for the presentation of his case.

He is denied his dignity and his proper feeling of worth as an individual and as a human being, on a basis equal with that of his fellow human beings.

He is judged not upon his merits as a person, but upon the most personal aspects of his private life -- aspects which are irrelevant to any proper basis for judgement of any sort.

Pursuit of Happiness: Surely a citizen's private sexual relations with consenting adults are an important and proper part of his personal Pursuit of Happiness. Yet, upon pain of severe punishment by the criminal law, and of the harshest of sanctions by the society around him, the homosexual American citizen finds himself denied this inalienable right.

Government by the Consent of the Governed: We would not expect, in this country, that laws, regulations, ordinances, would be established, deeply and directly affecting (for example) Negroes and Jews, without consultation with spokesmen for the Negro or Jewish citizenry. We see representatives of the poor being included in plans for the Anti-poverty program.

Spokesmen for the homosexual community have asked -- and asked and asked and asked -- for meetings with their public officials (especially those at the Federal level) to discuss laws and regulations affecting them. Almost without exception, such meetings have been refused.

This is not government with the consent of the governed!

Appeal for Redress of Grievances: Homosexual American citizens have appealed repeatedly to their Federal government for redress for their grievances. They have not even been granted hearings with their public officials. In many instances, letters have not received the common courtesy of an answer, or even of an acknowledgement.

Even in the South, we find officials meeting with representatives of the Negro community there, to discuss problems and grievances, and to work toward a solution of them.

The homosexual American citizen asks from his government what the Founding Fathers asked from the British government of their day -- reasonable, constructive, meaningful action, taken in good faith, to remedy genuine grievances and to solve major problems of long standing. Surely this is not an unreasonable request to make upon a government founded upon the Declaration of Independence. Thus far the request has been totally denied.

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The homosexual American citizen finds himself a member of the only major national minority group which is systematically denied an opportunity to achieve the

equality which all other citizens have. This country claims that it has no secondary citizens. Perhaps this claim can be made because the homosexual American citizen is never allowed to rise as high as second class status.

In Summary:

The homosexual American citizen finds himself denied many of those unique and special features of American life whose initial affirmation we both solemnly and joyously celebrate at Independence Hall on July 4.

He feels himself disowned and outcast -- and for no good reason -- by the nation of which he is a part.

Every other possible lesser means of remedy for an intolerable situation having been tried without success, we now try to bring our case directly before the public -- before our fellow citizens -- on a day and at a place which are singularly appropriate. We do so confident that we will have a fair hearing from our fellow American citizens.

In sum and in brief: We ask for the homosexual American citizen, the right, as a human being, to develop and achieve his full potential, dignity, and self respect; and the right, as a citizen, to make his maximum contribution to the society in which he lives. We ask for the homosexual American citizen, his proper equality under law, equality of opportunity, and equality in the society of his fellow citizens.

That we do not now have these basic essentials to a life lived in the American tradition is the reason for which homosexual American citizens, and other enlightened citizens who support them, are picketing in front of Independence Hall on July 4.

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Demonstration sponsored by:

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Remytels 7/3 and 7/4/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of an LHM captioned, "DEMONSTRATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALS, INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 4, 1967."

Appropriate copies are being furnished to WFO and New York for information. OSI, MI, NISO, Secret Service, Philadelphia, and the USA, EDPA., are also being furnished copies locally.

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Defended By Mattachine Society

Homosexual Fights DOD

By ROBERT MERKIN

A young electronics technician who is an admitted homosexual fought an attempt by the Defense Dept. to suspend his security clearance at a Pentagon hearing yesterday.

Benning Wentworth, 34, who works for a private New York area firm under Defense Dept. contract and has had security clearance for eight years, was defended at the hearing by two members of the local Matta-

chine Society. The society is comprised of homosexuals and those sympathetic to the homosexuals' cause of improving their legal and social status in America.

The Defense Dept. action stemmed from an incident four years ago at which Mr. Wentworth said he entertained two Mattachine members — including an 18-year-old youth who had falsified his age to join the organization — at a lunch at Mr. Wentworth's apartment. He said that the three had met to discuss civil rights programs for homosexuals.

According to Mr. Wentworth, the youth later joined the Air Force, was subsequently investigated, admitted that he was a homosexual and said he had been involved with Mr. Wentworth.

The Defense Dept. then began proceedings to remove Mr. Wentworth's security clearance. Mr. Wentworth told investigators of the incident, denied ever having had relations with the young man, but admitted openly that he was a practicing homosexual.

Government policy holds that homosexuals are open to "pressure and coercion" — blackmail — which makes them poor security risks, tho Mr. Wentworth's Mattachine defenders, Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, a Washington physicist and astronomer, and Miss Barbara Gittings, a reseacher, have contended thru the steps of appeals so far that Mr. Wentworth's public notice of his behavior makes him immune to such influences.

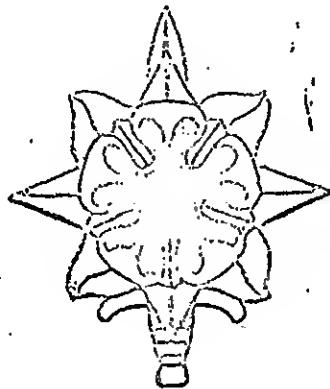
"There are no security problems involved here," Dr. Kameny said before the 3-man Appeal Board met to hear the case. "People in these cases should be judged on their own particular merits. We object to a class or a group order on all homosexuals."

Following the closed hearing Dr. Kameny was unable to predict the outcome and said result on the case might not be known before the end of the year.

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The Mattachine Society of Washington

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October 3, 1968

Major [redacted]
Commander,
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Women's Tri-Service Barracks
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

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Dear Major [redacted]

The Mattachine Society of Washington is a civil liberties, information-education organization, devoted to improving the status of the homosexual, to creating better lives for homosexuals, to fighting prejudice and discrimination against homosexuals, to achieving precise equality between homosexuals and heterosexuals, and to assisting those --- homosexual or heterosexual --- having problems involving homosexuality. An information brochure describing the organization is enclosed.

One of our major areas of concern is that of the policies and procedures of the Armed Services in regard to homosexuals and homosexuality. It is our position that the existing attempted (but unsuccessful) exclusion of homosexuals from the Armed Services is unreasonable and unjustified, and is harmful to all concerned --- Nation, Services, and citizen. However, as a temporary compromise, we take the intermediate position that: If you do not want a woman, let her go, but do not destroy the remainder of her life in the process. In short, if you do not want a particular homosexual who is already in the Service, give her a fully honorable discharge.

It has come to our attention, through reliable sources, that one of the periodic sensuous "craicdowns" upon homosexuals and alleged homosexuals in the Women's Army Corps is now commanding at Fort Myer, Virginia and at Fort Ritchie, Maryland. A letter similar to this one is being sent to Captain Riedel at Fort Ritchie. Apparently our Army has no better use for our tax money and its manpower than this kind of vicious human destruction and waste of our nation's human resources.

We intend to take every lawful measure within our power to impede the progress of this "purge", and to protect the interests of the women involved.

Among the measures which we will employ are:

1. Extensive counselling and coaching of WAC members as to their rights, and as to the best methods of handling investigations, interrogations, hearings, etc.
2. Encouragement of WAC personnel to resist any adverse action proposed or taken against them because of homosexuality, real or alleged.
3. Provision of personal counsel at interrogations.
4. Provision of legal counsel at administrative and court-martial hearings and proceedings.
5. Challenge of less-than-fully-honorable discharges up to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary.
6. Extensive publicity, highly critical of the Women's Army Corps.

final, perfected form, we plan to send out, subject to your reply to this letter.

If a satisfactory response to this letter is not physically in our hand (not merely postmarked) by Friday, October 11, 1968, the News Release will go out shortly thereafter. We will grant you an extension of time for reply upon timely application with a showing of cause and reasonable demonstration of good faith.

We require assurances from you that the existing investigations of and crackdown upon homosexuals under your command will be called off, and that there will be no "witch hunt". We emphasize that, of course, we have sufficient contacts to be continually informed of what actually takes place, independently of what we may be told officially. We wish to make clear, too, that "passing the buck" by you, however justified, will not be satisfactory. We leave it to you to take what action is necessary to bring this vile outrage to a halt.

We wish to make it exceedingly clear that we have no desire to cause embarrassment for its own sake, to you or to any other person or to the Women's Army Corps, but we simply cannot allow the continuation of this senseless destruction of the lives, careers, and futures of American Servicewomen, nor their needless humiliation by crude, vicious, degrading interrogations, nor the anguish to which they are subjected by investigations, administrative procedures, less-than-honorable discharges, etc. ---- all because they choose to give, or are alleged to choose to give their affections to persons not approved of by our Army.

If you wish to eliminate from the Service any of the women in question, we will not challenge fully, unqualifiedly honorable discharges, in present rank, with all rights, privileges, and benefits accruing thereto. Anything less will be fought -- individually and en masse, to the tune of extensive publicity.

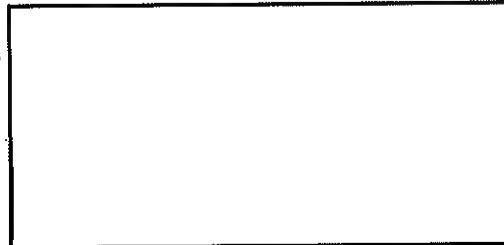
We will be pleased to enter into constructive personal discussion, formally or informally, "on the record" or "off the record" with you and/or appropriate others, at a time and place of our mutual convenience.

We look forward to an early, constructive reply from you.

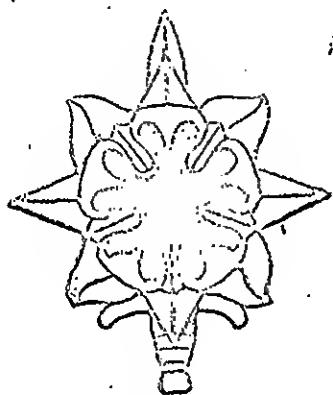
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HOMOSEXUAL WITCH-HUNT COMMENCED BY WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
AT FORT MYER AND FORT RITCHIE

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HOMOSEXUALS TO FIGHT BACK IN ORDER TO
PREVENT DECIMATION OF WAC

Periodically, various branches and sections of our Armed Services, apparently having an excess of money and manpower, and nothing useful to do with them, engage in "crackdowns" upon homosexuals and alleged homosexuals in their ranks. The women's Services are not immune to these needless, wasteful, destructive, vicious operations.

We have been informed, reliably, that such a "witch hunt" is commencing in the Women's Army Corps detachments at both Fort Myer, Virginia and Fort Ritchie, Maryland.

Those who are knowledgeable about these matters know that were such a crackdown successful, the WAC at both establishments -- at all ranks, officers as well as enlisted women -- would be decimated.

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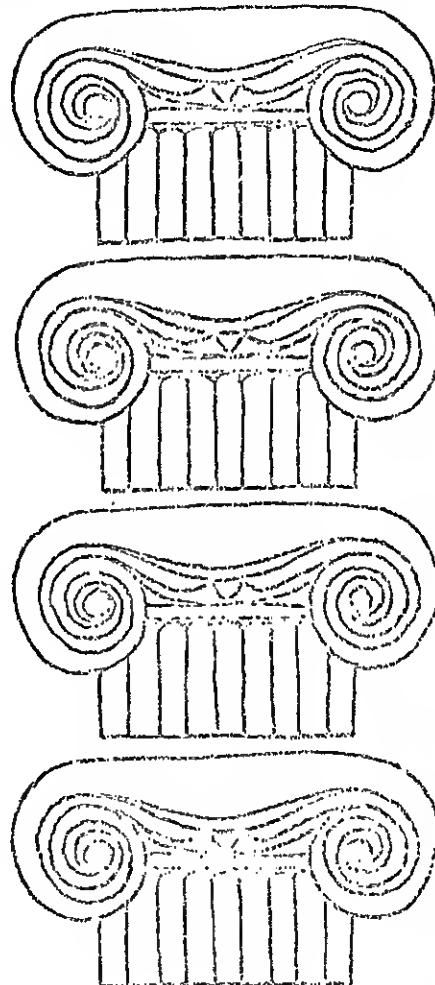
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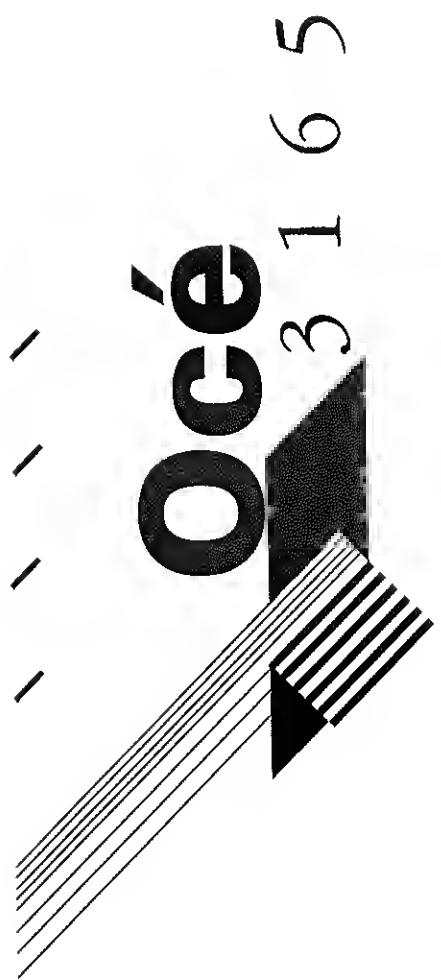
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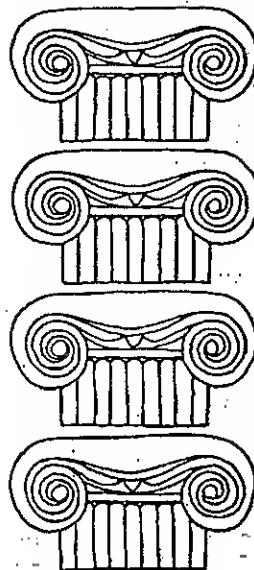
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addition, the retiring President shall automatically become a full member of the
Board for one year.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall mset at least once in each calendar month, and
whenever the President or throe members of the Board shall call a meeting.

Section 3. All members of the Executive Board shall be notified at least three days
in advance of any meeting of the Board, but this advance notice may be omitted for a
particular meeting if at least two-thirds of the members of the Board agree to the o-
mission, and if all of the members, whenever possible, shall have been notified of
the meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Board, by a majority vote of its members, may declare va-
cant the office of any member of the Board who fails, without adequate explanation to
the Board, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board of which he was proper-
ly notified.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall act by a majority vote of its members voting, except as this Constitution or the By-laws shall otherwise provide.

Section 6. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Section 7. Executive Board actions in matters not explicitly reserved to the Board may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE 6, Elections and Other Balloting

Section 1. Nominations of candidates for elective office shall be made from the floor at the regular meeting in the month preceding the month in which the candidate elected shall assume office.

Section 2. A member may be reelected to office.

Section 3. The Executive Board, at its discretion, may call a special election by the members of the organization to fill a vacant elective office.

Section 4. (a) All elections shall be by preferential secret ballot in such form and in such manner as the Executive Board shall provide, and as shall ensure that each ballot is cast by a member entitled to vote, and that each member casts only one ballot for each office to be filled.

(b) Election shall be by a majority of the valid votes cast.

(c) In the event of a tie, there shall be a second, non-preferential mail ballot between the two tied candidates. In the event of a second tie, the decision shall be by the toss of a coin as shall be agreed between the two candidates.

Section 5. (a) The members shall be notified, at the time ballots are mailed to them for any purpose, of the time and place at which the ballots shall be counted. The time shall not be sooner than two weeks from the day the ballots are mailed to the members. Only full members are eligible to vote in a procedurally required referendum ballot.

(b) Any member, who so wishes, may be present and witness the count, and may examine, in the presence of others, the ballots cast.

(c) The Secretary shall preserve all of the ballots for at least two months after the count.

ARTICLE 7, Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held as frequently as shall be provided by a by-law, but not less often than once in each calendar month.

Section 2. Special meetings of the organization may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or one-third of the members. The notice of a special meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no action which does not pertain to the stated purpose shall be taken at the meeting.

Section 3. The members of the organization shall be notified in writing at least one week in advance of the time and place of a regular or special meeting.

Section 4. Ten per cent of the members, but not less than ten members, shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the organization. If less than a quorum shall be present at a meeting, the members present shall take such action as may be necessary to obtain a quorum, but may act subject to ratification of their actions by the members at the next meeting at which there is a quorum.

Section 5. Action at any meeting shall be by a majority of the members voting, except as shall otherwise be provided by this Constitution or a by-law.

Section 6. No person who is not a member of the organization shall attend any meeting unless he shall be approved by at least three members of the Executive Board, and no member shall invite any person to attend any meeting without first obtaining this approval through the President or another member of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 8, Dues and Finances

Section 1. Dues and any other financial assessment of the members shall be established by a by-law.

Section 2. Dues shall not be refunded except to

(1) an applicant who was admitted to probationary membership and then was rejected for full membership, to the extent that he has paid dues beyond the month in which he was rejected for full membership, and

(2) a full member, who has been expelled, to the extent that he has paid dues beyond the month in which he was expelled.

Section 3. A member who is delinquent in the payment of dues shall not vote or hold office, unless the Executive Board shall find extenuating circumstances, but shall continue to be notified of, and may participate in, meetings.

Section 4. (a) Any member who for three months does not pay his dues shall be notified in writing that he shall cease to be a member thirty days from the date of the notice unless before that time

(1) he shall pay his dues to the date of the notice, or

(2) the Executive Board shall find extenuating circumstances, in which event payment of dues by the member may be deferred by the Executive Board for not more than one year.

(b) A person whose membership is terminated for non-payment of dues may not reapply for membership sooner than one year from the day he ceased to be a member, unless he shall arrange with the Executive Board to pay his delinquent dues and the dues from the termination of his membership to the time he reapplys for membership.

Section 5. Disbursements of funds of the organization shall be made only with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the conservation of the funds of the organization.

Section 6. All checks of the organization shall be signed by the President and by the Treasurer.

Section 7. The financial records of the organization shall be audited annually by a committee of three members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. No member of the Executive Board shall be appointed to the committee. The committee shall not have access to the names of the members of the organization.

ARTICLE 9, Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the parliamentary authority of this organization, except that where it differs from, or conflicts with, this Constitution or a by-law, this Constitution or the by-law shall prevail.

ARTICLE 10, By-laws

Section 1. This Constitution may be supplemented by by-law, except that no by-law shall have force or effect insofar as it conflicts with this Constitution.

Section 2. A by-law or an amendment to a by-law shall be proposed by a majority of the Executive Board, or through the Executive Board by at least five percent of the members of the organization, shall be sent in writing to the members with the notice of the meeting at which the by-law or amendment shall be considered, and shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members voting.

ARTICLE 11, Amendment

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board, or through the Executive Board by at least ten percent of the members of the organization, and shall be sent to the members in writing with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment shall be considered.

Section 2. Amendments shall be adopted by a three-fourth vote of the members casting valid ballots in a referendum after consideration at a regular or special meeting. The referendum shall be by secret mail ballot in such form and in such manner as shall permit each member to vote for or against each separate proposed amendment, ensure that each ballot is cast by a member entitled to vote, and ensure that each member casts only one ballot in the referendum.

Section 3. "Consideration", as used in this Article, shall include all parliamentary action except tabling, postponing indefinitely, final adoption, or final rejection.

(As adopted August 27, 1963 and as amended through December 1967.)

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of

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

BY-LAW 1

Regular Meeting Time. The regular meeting of the organization shall be held at 8:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, unless for any particular regular meeting the Executive Board or the members of the organization shall provide otherwise.

BY-LAW 2

Dues. Dues shall be eighteen dollars per year, payable at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per calendar month, or fifteen dollars per year if paid in one sum, the year to begin with the first day of the calendar month in which the fifteen dollars is paid.

BY-LAW 3

Membership application fee. An applicant for membership shall pay one dollar as a membership application fee at the time he submits his application. If he is approved by the Executive Board to become a probationary member, his membership application fee shall be applied to his dues. If his application is not approved, his membership application fee shall be returned to him.

BY-LAW 4

Visitor's Fee. A visitor to any meeting of the organization shall pay a visitor's fee of one dollar, unless it shall be his first meeting or unless the Executive Board in any particular instance shall remit the fee.

BY-LAW 5

Associate members. (a) Persons eligible for membership who do not wish to become full members may apply for associate membership. After completion of the application form required by the Executive Board, such applicants may be admitted as associate members by vote of a majority of the Executive Board.

(b) Applicants for membership who reside beyond a fifty mile radius from the District of Columbia shall be admitted only as associate members. Probationary and full members who remove their residence beyond a fifty mile radius from the District of Columbia shall thereby automatically become associate members.

(c) Associate members shall not vote and may attend meetings of the organization only if approved by at least three members of the Executive Board, in the same manner as is required for non-members. Probationary and full members who become associate members may attend meetings without obtaining this approval.

(d) The dues of associate members shall be ten dollars per year, the year to begin with the first day of the calendar month in which the dues are paid. A probationary or full member whose dues are paid for a full year and who becomes an associate member before the expiration of the year shall have the portion of his dues for the unexpired part of his year as a full member credited to the dues due from him as an associate member.

PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF SOCIETY POLICY AND POSITION

The Mattachine Society of Washington

I. PROPOSAL

(a) Items of policy or position may take formal origin by:

1. Majority vote of the Executive Board.
2. Presentation to the Executive Board, in writing, by, or on behalf of any five members.

(b) Policies or positions proposed to the Executive Board by the membership must be processed by the Board, unless the Board decides that the proposal does not come within the category of formal Society policy or position.

II. DISCUSSION

(a) Proposed items of formal Society policy or position are to be submitted to the membership for discussion at a regular meeting.

(b) Notice of such discussion will be sent to the members at the time of their notification of the meeting.

III. ADOPTION

(a) Items of formal Society policy or position will be adopted upon vote of two-thirds of those casting votes in a referendum.

(b) Referendum ballots will be sent out no later than one week before the next general meeting after that at which the item of policy or position was discussed.

(c) Ballots will be counted and the results announced at the general meeting following the discussion.

(d) The policy or position will become effective upon announcement.

IV. AMENDMENT

Adopted policy or position may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those voting in a referendum ballot, after consideration at a general meeting, in accordance with procedures prescribed herein, except that no adopted policy or position may be amended within six months after its original adoption or subsequent amendment without the concurrence of the Executive Board.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

(a) All members and officers of the Society, in all dealings as such with others, will be bound by the policies and positions of the Society, except that this shall not restrict an expression of differing personal opinion or position if so designated.

(b) The Secretary shall maintain a separate record of all formal policies and positions, both those adopted and those not adopted, with minutes of the discussions and any other relevant material.

POLICIES OF
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

POLICY 1

The Mattachine Society of Washington takes the position that in absence of valid evidence to the contrary, homosexuality is not a sickness, disturbance, or other pathology in any sense, but is merely a preference, orientation, or propensity, on par with, and not different in kind from, heterosexuality. (as adopted March 4, 1965)

POLICY 2

The Mattachine Society of Washington takes the position that the publication of physique photographs bears no relevance to its conception of the homophile movement, and that therefore no such photographs will appear in the Society's publications, and no material officially issued by The Mattachine Society of Washington will be released to any publications in which such photographs appear on a regular basis. (as adopted June 3, 1965)

POLICY 3

The Mattachine Society of Washington takes the position that all organizations which have as their primary concern the improvement of the status of the homosexual by lawful means, deserve both in their formation and operation the fullest official cooperation and assistance of The Mattachine Society of Washington. (as adopted October 4, 1965)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO [redacted] (p)

DATE: 1/4/72

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FROM : SA [redacted]

TE CI SI E
 PC PCI PSI E (Prob)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact

12/30/71

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

100-33796 [redacted]

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Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE On 12/30/71, the source advised the writer that
 POSITIVE he had spoken with [redacted] a person
 STATISTIC active in the Mattachine Society and other homosexual
groups in WDC. The conversation took place on 12/28/71 and
during the time they spoke [redacted] stated that he
and ACLU attorneys were discussing the possibility
of taking legal action to force officers on the
Metropolitan Police Department Vice Squad to
take polygraph tests. These tests would include
questions concerning [redacted] acts of oral sodomy committed
by officers with both homosexuals and women. [redacted]
stated that the object is to show that sodomy laws
are discriminatory against [redacted] of homosexuals. Offr. [redacted]

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or
furnishing false information?

No.

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

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